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The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

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The highly anticipated opening of the new Blood Fitness and Dance Center occured on October 4. For hours, see page 4.

Election winners announced

by Emily Poe '10
NEWS WRITER
by Meredith Kennedy '09
NEWS WRITER

Despite being at Hamilton for only a month or so, the members of the Class of 2010 were promptly given the opportunity to run for class representation. As if being a freshman isn't hard enough, the students that chose to run for office had to deal with writing out campaign speeches, hanging up posters and of course, getting votes, while still adapting to life on the Hill.

"To be honest, the election process was stressful and exhausting, but completely worth it," said Stephen Okin, the newly elected Student Assembly 2010 president. The newly elected honor court representative, Thomas Coppola, also found the election experience difficult.

"I spent five hours putting up posters in every bathroom stall a freshman could conceivably use," said Coppola, "it was sweaty, lonely, stinky work." But, despite the tiring election process, Coppola, like Okin, thought the experience was "worth it" in the end.

Joining Coppola and Okin as the Class of 2010 representatives are Secretary/ Treasurer Lauren Tom and Student Assembly (SA) Representatives Jenn Anderson, Mariam Ballout, Andrew Boddorff, Wenxi Li and Jared Sorin.

Although the freshman class representatives were just recently elected into office on September 22, 2006, many of them have been participating in student government for years. The class of 2010 secretary and treasurer, Lauren Tom, has been involved in student government since elementary school. Tom decided to continue her involvement in student government because she

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Bon Appetit strives to protect environment

by Pat Hodgens '09
NEWS WRITER

How do you feed a campus of nearly 2,000 students and protect the environment at the same time? That's the question Hamilton's dining service operators have been trying to answer.

Hamilton's on-campus dining halls (Commons, McEwen, Pub Lunch and the Howard Diner) are run by Bon Appetit, a national food service operator. Pat Raynard is the general manager here at Hamilton.

Bon Appetit "dreams of being the premier onsite restaurant company known for its culinary expertise and commitment to socially responsible practices." That basic philosophy is

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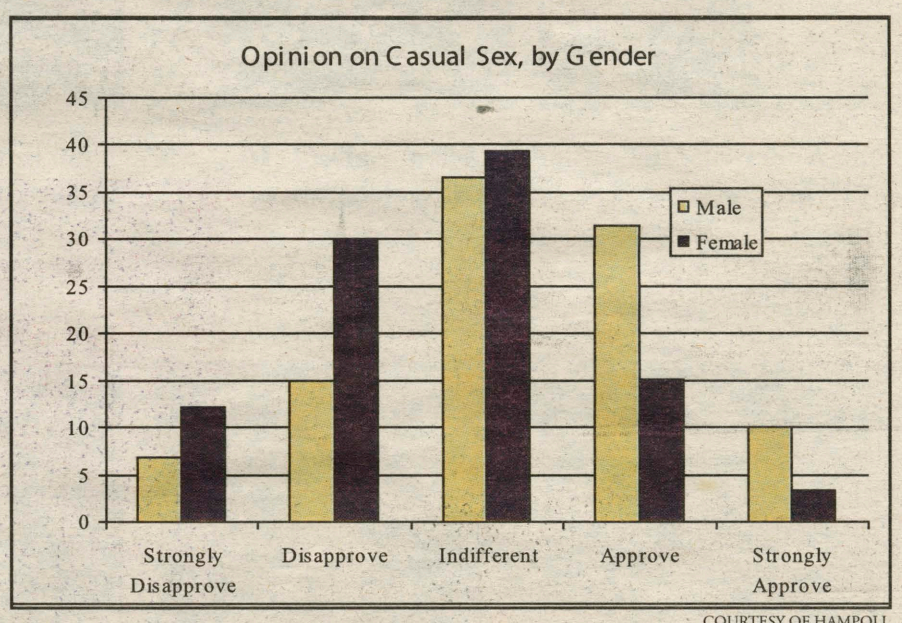
Survey reveals student opinions on casual sex

by HamPoll staff



COURTESY OF HAMPOLL

Hamilton's Polling Organization (HamPoll) conducted a survey, titled: "Sex and Relationships at Hamilton" between October 19 and October 23. With more than 650 responses from the student body, we judge the online survey to be a big success. Questions targeted important aspects of relationships such as sex, partner preferences, past experience, and choice of activities. Some of the interesting results included a major divide between males and females regarding approval of casual sex. In addition, half the relationships on campus were long distance while half of students having relationships reported a lack of campus activities for couples.

Survey results showed two main differences between males and females. First, only **22%** of male students expressed their disapproval of casual sex, compared to **42%** of female students. Second, **50%** of single Hamilton males reported that they cannot find the right person for a relationship, as opposed to **63%** of

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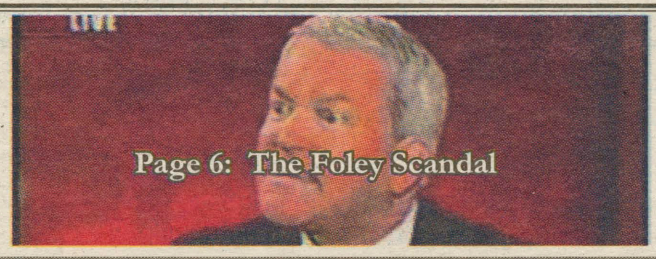

Nine students elected to SA, Honor Court, and Judicial Board

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enjoys it and thinks she "can serve [her] peers' interests and represent them." Additionally, Tom hopes to "become a better leader" in the process.

Two other newly elected representatives with prior leadership experience are Student Assembly representatives Andrew Boddorff and Wenxi Li. Li decided to run in the elections because "as cheesy as it sounds, [she wants] to make a difference in the Hamilton community and represent the Class of 2010 so that the opinions of [her] fellow students are heard." Boddorff, who was class president at his Collingswood, NJ, high school for three years, has already attended a Student Assembly meeting.

As a part of Student Assembly, those students appointed choose two committees, each with a mix of every class year, which are designed to promote and serve students' interests on a more specific level. The breakdown of the assembly into groups "seems like a very good means to accomplish things," said Boddorff.

Jared Sorin, a fellow Student Assembly representative, also wants to use his position as a voice for his freshman classmates." I ran for office hoping to win and, more importantly, to add my voice and ideas to the Student Assembly." Overall, Sorin said he hopes to "help accomplish the goals of this (2010) class."

Along with using their representative positions as an outlet for their fellow students' concerns, the freshman class officers also hope also to initiate discussion between the students and the Student Assembly in general. "I plan on doing my best to facilitate communication between the students and the Student Assembly all year long," said SA representative Mariam Ballout, "and I am delighted that the other Student Assembly members are so proactive."

In addition to serving on the Student Assembly, most of the newly elected freshman officers also serve on other representative committees. As class president, Stephen Okin, along with the three other class presidents and a cabinet, serves on the executive committee. " The executive committee essentially serves as an agenda setting organization, it discusses issues before they go before the Student Assembly," said Okin. Okin serves on both the Student Interests and Facilities committees as well. While on the Facilities committee, Okin hopes to "get the laundry machines to accept the all-campus card," in order to " reduce the need for students to have hundreds of quarters in their room," and to make the all-campus card more useful in general.

Ballout, also a member of the Facilities committee, is presently researching the environmental status of the Kimberly-Clark Company, which supplies paper products to Hamilton, for the committee. "The committee chair has already provided me with the names of people to contact in order to initiate [change]," said Ballout.

Though the election was mainly for the Class of 2010, Ross Glynn '07 was also elected as judicial representative for the class of 2007 in the election. It was the advertisement in *The Spectator,* and a discussion with classmate Michael Blasie '07 that sparked an interest in Glynn to run. As a newly appointed member, Glynn hopes "to serve the Hamilton community well with the skills [he has] learned and acquired in [his] years on the Hill." He is confident that his education at Hamilton has given him "the abilities to serve the community well" in his last year here.

While the new representatives have only been in office for about two weeks now, it appears that they have already made great strides thanks to their obvious enthusiasm, dedication, and positive outlooks. They will no doubt, as Jared Sorin puts it, "make a big difference here."

Jenn Anderson '10
SA Representative

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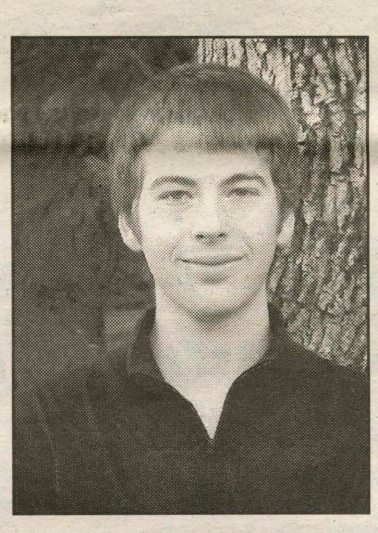
Mariam Ballout '10
SA Representative



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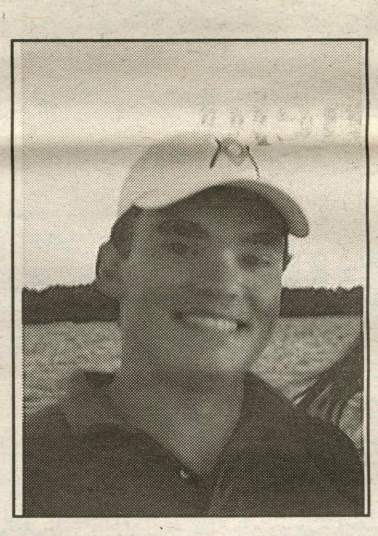
Honor Court Rep.



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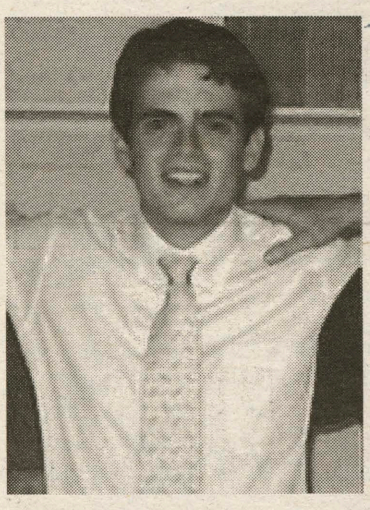
Judicial Board Rep.



Stephen Okin '10
2010 SA President

Jared Sorin '10
SA Representative

Lauren Tom '10
2010 SA Secretary/Treasurer

Not pictured:

Andrew Boddorf '10
SA Representative

Wenxi Li '10
SA Representative

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Hamilton takes on British Debate Team

Compiled by Emma Furman '07
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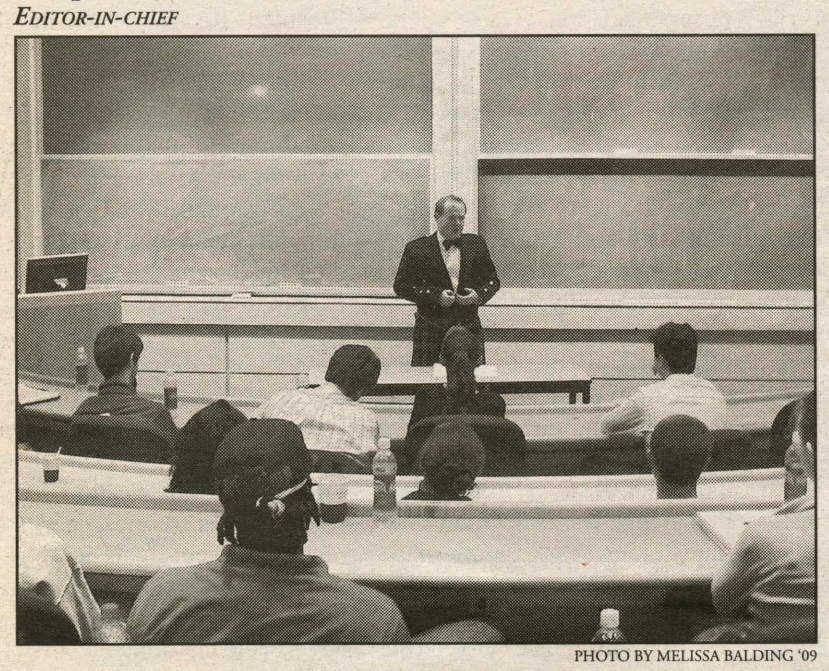
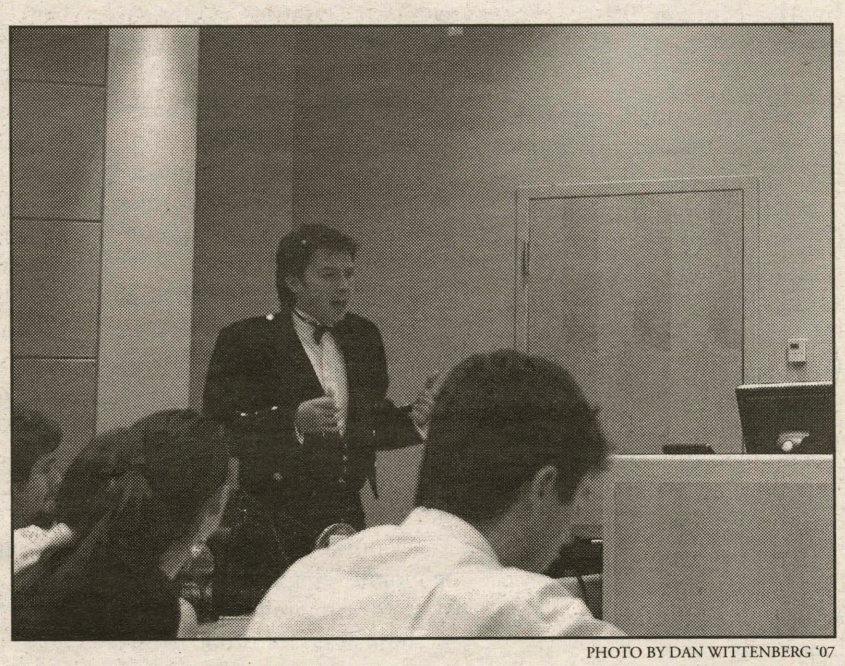


PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

Fraser Campbell, of the British Debate team and clad in Scottish garb, spoke against giving arms to China, saying that "China should prove itself fully democratic before we give them more weapons," and also stating that "democracies do not tend to go to war against other democracies.



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Gavin Illsley, also from Scotland, argued that we should follow the E.U.'s lead and sell weapons to China, stating that "they will get these weapons anyway." He also expressed concern over sending an infantilizing message to China saying that "you're not grown up enough to play with grown up toys."

On Monday, September 25 the debate teams of Hamilton, Hobart and William Smith, and Britain, joined forces to dicuss whether or not the U.S. should follow suit with the E.U. and approve the selling of arms to China. Gavin Illsley and Lauren Gambier '09 of Hobart and William Smith argued that we should help arm China, while Fraser Campbell and Murtaza Ali Jafri '08 argued for the opposition. Gambier presented the point of view that in following the E.U. we would be "trying to keep consistency" and since they acted first we are not "left with the culpability." Jafri, on the other hand, countered that we should not be "feeding the communish machine" and felt that China did not deserve our help as they have not been "making any substantive moves toward democracy."

Poverty Simulation to be held Wednesday

by Greg Stathes '07
NEWS WRITER

In order to help Hamilton College faculty and students gain a better understanding of poverty in the United States, and, more specifically, Oneida County, a poverty simulation will be held in the Annex Wednesday, October 11.

The Community Action Poverty Simulation, or CAPS, was organized by Sarah Wissel '08 with help from Associate Director of Community Research Judy Owens-Manley, Levitt Center volunteer Christie Seaver and Associate Professor of Government Paul Wyckoff. The event, which is funded through the Levitt Center, is designed to "provide a starting place for people to begin to rethink their conception of poverty [and to] help bring together members of the community to discuss poverty," according to Wissel.

The event will have those involved pretending to be a member of a low income family to help show how those who live below the poverty line have to live and survive. It will have students attempt to meet the needs of their "families" over the period of a fictional month, which will actually take about an hour. By experiencing what it is like to be part of a low-income family and then discussing what was learned afterwards, Wissel hopes that "those who participate become more conscious of poverty in the community and seek to understand it further... [in addition to trying] to alleviate poverty."

Wissel feels that the vast majority of Hamilton students have little idea what it actually means to be poor. Due to this, she feels that students' "ability to speak analytically about the policies and social phenomena is impaired," thereby demonstrating the need for such an event.

Wissel learned of this program, which is similar to other events that have been held throughout the country, while in Public Policy with Professor Wyckoff. Wissel was dismayed at the simplistic approach some Hamilton students had toward poverty issues. Wyckoff had heard of CAPS and asked Wissel if she was interested in bringing the program to Hamilton. Overall, Wissel sees CAPS "as a tool with which my classmates [can] gain a better understanding of the complexities involved [with poverty issues] and reshape their view of poverty in the United States."

While there are still spaces left to those who wish to participate, reserving reserve a space ahead of time is recommended. The event is open to all students and staff of Hamilton College and a reservation can be made in advance by contacting Wissel at swissel@hamilton.edu, or extension 2986.

Hamilton/Burr Vituperation planned for October 15

by Eric Kuhn '09
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

"Vituperation" is a specific type of speech. Ruthless and gouging speech, to be exact, where the speaker condemns someone or something.

"Lively. That is the goal," says Michael Blasie, president of the Communication National Honor Society, who is co-sponsoring the event with Student Assembly on Sunday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Chapel Steps (inside the Chapel if it rains).

As a Communication major, Blasie come across the speech style in classes and is actually thinking about incorporating it into his senior thesis. This is the Honor Society's first event open to the campus.

Here's the deal: Each contestant will have five to seven minutes to deliver a speech creatively condemning Aaron Burr and praising Alexander Hamilton. All have been invited to participate, including faculty, administrators and staff, and of course all can attend. The speeches will be judged by the seven people in the Honor Society and the winner will win 50 dollars.

For those out of the loop, Burr murdered Hamilton on July 11, 1804 in a duel in Weehawken, New Jersey (simply because New York had just outlawed dueling). Burr was the sitting Vice President and Alexander Hamilton was still a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy. Oh yeah, he was also the first Secretary of the Treasury General. The shot that pierced Hamilton's skin would be the final battle in a long clash between Democratic-Republicans and Federalists. Hamilton died a day later. For those who would like to pay homage, he is currently playing Beirut in the Trinity Churchyard Cemetery in New York City. Burr, on the other hand, was charged with murder in both New York and New Jersey, but the cause never went to trial.

Back from our detour, the vituperation, Blasie enthusiastically said is "Something that will not only be a lot of fun for students and staff to participate in, but also a lot of fun for students and staff to watch. I think it will be a fun and excited competition and a topic we can all relate too."

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Aslund lectures "In Defense of Oligarchy"

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

Anders Aslund, senior fellow at the Institute of International Economics, recently gave a lecture entitled "In Defense of Oligarchy," as part of the Levitt Speaker Series. Aslund is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and has served as the Director of the Russian and Eurasian Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace since 2003.

Aslund's lecture focused on oligarchies in Russia and Ukraine, comparing them to oligarchies in the United States. Aslund began his lecture by defining oligarchy.

"Oligarch is an ancient concept, and an oligarchy is defined as a government in the hands of the few by the "Oxford University Press Dictionary,'" said Aslund, who applied the term to Eastern Europe. "An oligarch is a very wealthy and politically well-connected businessman, a dollar billionaire, or nearly so, who is the main owner of a conglomerate of enterprises and has close ties to the president."

Oligarchs, according to Aslund, are rare in former Soviet bloc countries. Only Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan have prominent oligarchies. In the United States, the "robber barons," including Rockefeller and Vanderbilt, were oligarchs in their time. They built enormous industrial and transportation empires in the 19th century.

Aslund described oligarchs in former Soviet countries as mostly 40 years old and mostly graduates of the best engineering schools in the Soviet Union. Excellence in mathematics led them to success in the business world.

Aslund believes specific economic characteristics must exist for oligarchies to emerge in countries. He proposed five factors that lead to oligarchy in a nation.

"The super-rich mainly emerge in countries with large markets, which may partially explain why they are only prominent in the three largest post-soviet economies: Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan," said Aslund.

A second factor need for oligarchy is rapid structural change. In the United States, this change resulted from the reconstruction period after the Civil War and in the former Soviet Union after the state and economic system collapsed. The presence of rent is a third factor. Oligarchs in Russia and Ukraine focus on oil and metals, industries that have high natural rents.

Aslund explained that the cheap distribution of state assets through the loans-for-shares privatization in Russia, or the accumulation of vouchers or stocks on the secondary market, is another key to forming oligarchies. State enterprises were improperly managed until they became privatized.

The lack of strong legal institutions has also lead to the rise of oligarchs. Partners in a corporation often find it difficult to agree without a strong legal system to guide their decisions.

"Nor can owners control their executives, so they are compelled to manage their companies themselves," said Aslund. "As a consequence, businessmen with concentrated ownership tend to be more successful than those who have to deal with many minority shareholders."

Only local businessmen, with an understanding of Soviet politics and legal methods, according to Aslund, could manage large enterprises in the early post-Soviet era. These operations were simply too complex for outsiders. Aslund also pointed out that oligarchs responded rationally to existing conditions because they set up reliable security forces to protect against theft, streamlined assets, specialized in a few industries, and invested heavily.

Aslund also explained that oligarchs buy political influence in the form of presidential decisions, legislation, government decisions, court decisions, and the media. He used United States President Ulysses S. Grant's administration as an example of the corruption that can be found in Russia and the Ukraine.

"The difference between the administration of United States President Ulysses S. Grant and that of Boris Yeltsin or Leonid Kuchma is less than Americans want to recognize," said Aslund. "Although the United States robber barons arose in the 1850s, it was not until the early 1900s that President Theodore Roosevelt opposed them."

In Russia, President Vladimir Putin has led a movement towards re-nationalization, cracking down on the Russian oligarchies in a similar way to President Roosevelt a hundred years ago.

Aslund believes that complaints about oligarchs in Russia and Ukraine are largely unfounded. Oligarchs did not gain their wealth through flawed privatization, but attained it well before they had the chance to privatize. Russians and Ukrainians consider oligarchs parasites, not capable of producing anything, but as soon as oligarchs began to increase levels of production, the public found it difficult to tolerate this new wealth.

There is also a complaint that oligarchs do not create new businesses to stimulate the economy, but Aslund believes that they have been instrumental in salvaging older big businesses and have also heavily invested in new enterprises. He explained that oligarchs should be accepted as part of the economy and given the same respect as ordinary citizens.

"People don't like oligarchs because they are wealthy and if they see wealth they don't like it even more," said Aslund. "My argument is simple: if we don't accept the property rights of the oligarchs, it is difficult to accept the property rights of anyone."

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The Spectator

Staff Editorial

To date *The Spectator* has received exactly three letters to the editor, two of which were regarding the highly controversial selection of the new humor columnists for Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down. Now, while we may live on a slightly secluded hill, with a relatively drama free campus this year, we know that you have issues, problems, complaints and arguments on your mind. Were any of you upset that the new Fitness Center ran so far behind schedule? Do professors have anything to say regarding recent discussions on making faculty evaluations public? Or maybe you want to praise Bon Appettit for their environmental awareness? Maybe one of your friends passed out in a ditch, and you feel that safety of students should be more on the forefront through the construction endeavor. Were you angry that Hamilton dropped two spots in the U.S. News and World Report despite the millions that we have spent on construction projects? Are you upset that so many freshmen were admitted even though we were promised last year that this year's incoming class would be back to the normal, more manageable size? And we know there are still some of you upset over social life on campus…not to even begin to mention the atrocities and horrors going on in the world outside of Hamilton.

Well, we tried. We wrote editorials, we published ads, we researched and wrote articles, and encouraged people in person, and still only have to date, count them: 1-2-3…measly letters to the editor. So we're trying a new approach: *The Spectator* has joined Facebook.

We know, from a recent article that you may or may not have read, that on average Hamilton students check Facebook an embarrassing number of times every day. Have a thought? Share it with us…post it on our wall. If you have nothing in particular that is bothering you, let us know about your friends or colleagues' birthdays, special events, congratulations or funny stories. It's informal, it's easy and we're hoping it will serve as a campus wide discussion board for problems and issues that students, faculty, staff and administration see on this campus and outside of it.

We will publish the well thought out and appropriate responses in a "Spectator Wall" in our Features section, starting next week. We hope that this new updated digital approach will raise campus awareness and involvement, and will not take the place of letters to the editor, which are meant to be longer and more formal, but simply serve as a more informal method of easy discussion. Easy being the key word…a post takes no more than a minute to complete, and through it you can let the whole campus know what upsets you, what pleases you, and what you want to change. It is only through increased discussion that we can impact change.

We know you're there anyway; stop by and see us!

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Insights & Ideas

Former Congressman Mark Foley: a disgrace to the Republican Party

by Benjamin Noble '08
Insights & Ideas Editor

The Foley-page scandal has sprouted its ugly head at the worse possible time for Republicans. Even before this scandal, the battle for the control of Congress was going to be very close. Now, it will be even closer.

Foley resigned his seat and checked into rehab, but the scandal has not stopped in damaging the Republican leadership and campaigns. Criticisms are now direct towards the House Republican leadership for not halting Foley's conduct sooner. Additionally, there are even calls for Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert's (R-Ill.) resignation.

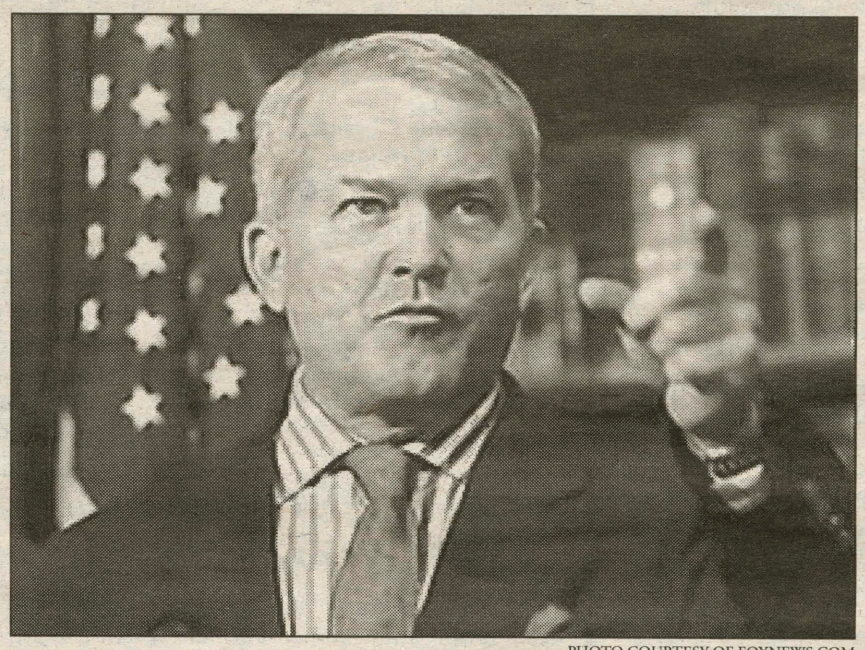
The current scandal started when Congressman Mark Foley (R-Fla.) sent sexually explicit e-mails and instant messages to a former male congressional page between 2003 and 2005. Foley resigned from his seat right after ABC News broke the story on September 28.

Foley's pedophiliac actions toward a then sixteen-year-old page are vile, disgusting and completely reprehensible. There is no excuse for Foley's conduct. However, this does not mean that Hastert should resign or that voters should punish the Republicans by rewarding the Democrats control of Congress.

The Democrats and the media are completely exploiting this scandal for their own gain. Obviously, Democrats will take advantage and cry hypocrite of the Republicans, though they kept silent about their own past sex scandals.

If the media allows Democrats to point fingers at Hastert without asking questions about where the Democrats stood in relation to their scandals, hopefully voters are wise enough to see their agendas on display.

Democrats will not stop touting this story until all the Republican leaders in the House resign.



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Former Congressman Mark Foley (R-Fla.).

The Democrats are hyping up this scandal because they have no cohesive alternative plans to the Republicans except for higher taxes and cut n' run in Iraq (an important theater in the War on Terrorism). Instead of campaigning on issues, Democrats decided to play dirty and bring out the infamous October Surprise.

The October Surprise is political jargon for an astonishing news event with the potential to influence the outcome of an election. Past October Surprises included Rathergate (2004) and President George W. Bush's DUI (2000).

The Republican congressional leadership has been criticized for not investigating and disciplining Foley's e-mails, which were known to them three years before the story was made public. Obviously, the Republicans were trying to solve the problem behind closed doors and they apparently (though wrongly) thought they solved it.

If the Republicans knew that long ago, it is highly likely that some Democrat on Capital Hill knew of Foley's appalling correspondences. Rumors and that type of information spread like wild fire on the Hill. It is likely that a Democrat withheld the information until the most opportune time for Democrat efforts to win back the control of Congress.

Foley's inappropriate contact with congressional pages is not new to the page program. In 1973, the House censured Congressman Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) for having sexual relations with a seventeen-year-old male page. He did not have virtual insinuation of sex with a page, but real sex.

He was briefly a villain, until he announced he was homosexual, and then according to Democratic prescriptions became heroic in Democratic circles. Voters subsequently re-elected him several times. Studds remained in the House until 1997. The Democrat reaction to Studds is completely different to the Republican reaction to Foley. Foley, unlike Studds, resigned and there is absolutely no defense of him.

As said before, Foley's conduct is repugnant, but he and he alone is at fault. Yet, voters should not judge any other Republican (especially the House leadership) on Foley's actions.

If Hastert knew how bad the situation was with Foley, he would have taken action immediately. Hastert would never tolerate such behavior. The Speaker is only guilty of having an incompetent staff who did not fully inform him of Foley's gross misconduct in a timely manner.

Consequently, Hastert has taken responsibility, by saying yesterday in Batavia, Ill., "the buck stops here," but this scandal does not warrant his resignation. This scandal should not be the reason Americans vote out the Republicans on November 7.

America would suffer greatly if the Democrats win control of Congress. They would raise our taxes and consequently destroy the current economic prosperity. In foreign affairs, a Democrat-controlled Congress would withdraw our troops from Iraq and significantly weaken American efforts in the War on Terror.

Back here at home, the Democrats would begin broad and outlandish investigations into the Bush administration and ultimately start ludicrous impeachment hearings of Bush.

It is exceedingly unfortunate that the race to control Congress took such a vile and dirty turn all because of one despicable pedophilic congressman from Florida. Hopefully, Americans will focus on the issues and vote for the party that will keep taxes low and continue to defend the country from future terrorist attacks.

Thumbs up

- Your mom joined facebook.

- Men's Rugby is still undefeated: Our most dedicated drinking club is still the saving grace of our athletic department.

- Blood Center opens and is instantly filled with more angst-driven females than a MADD convention.

- The Senior Gift: Haven't we given enough to the campus already in the form of generous helpings of Herpes?

- Rhymelab is still the best excuse to get out your public Tourette's Syndrome explosions.

Thumbs down

- The juice bar opens a day late: I don't think my father, the inventor of the Toaster Strudel, would be too pleased to hear about this.

- Hamilton Laundry Dryers: Just because my clothes smell like a fireplace doesn't mean that they are dry.

- The Vituperation Challenge: Aaron Burr's direct descendant refuses to leave her office for the entire day for fear of becoming a fur pelt hanging in the admissions building.

- Assignments due over break take all the fun out of getting drunk, tattooed, pierced and man-handled by a stripper.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Tyler Zink '07
(Editor's Note: Stephen... Tyler....get it?)

Who cares

- So what if I thought I was paying my tuition in 45 G's worth of Common's cups?

- Fall Break lasts two frickin' days... that's almost as long as the recovery period I take after Gin and Juice.

- Poverty Simulation...What, do they make all the students eat in McEwen's?

- Your Writing Center profile doesn't change the fact that your getting off on my gerud erros does not constitute a social life.

Letter to the editor

To editor:

Okay, so checking facebook nine times a day isn't healthy. And people certainly use facebook as a procrastination tool. However, we can also choose to watch t.v., instant message, or play video games instead of choosing to begin our work. If we don't feel like getting to work, we're going to find some way or other to distract ourselves. The bottom line is that we have the ability to resist the temptation to procrastinate. Thus, it is ridiculous to blame facebook for impeding scholarship.

Facebook is a cleverly constructed social network which allows people to stay in touch without much effort at all. Not only does facebook allow us to stay in touch with our friends, it gives us the opportunity to reconnect with old acquaintances whose contact information we have misplaced or never received. Contrary to what seems to be popular opinion, facebook is very secure. Only those people we accept as our "friends" and Hamilton College students can view our profiles. Similarly, news feeds only display information about friends. If we'd prefer our actions not be communicated to our friends, or we want to put restrictions on the people that can search for our existence, we can do so by exercising our privacy controls.

Last week's article warns that employers and administrative members can view facebook pictures. This does not seem very threatening. So there are some pictures of you and your friends kicking back a few beers. First of all, is it practical to contend that employers seriously use facebook profiles to evaluate applicants? And secondly, even if employers do look at facebook, are they going to discriminate against partiers? Of course not. Plus, by the time you're applying for jobs you'll be able to legally drink anyway. Employers may discriminate against applicants who display pictures of illicit drug use, for instance, but it's common sense not to post pictures of illegal activity on the internet. Regardless, employers care about ability. They are going to be more interested in what we've learned at Hamilton and how we can apply it in the real world than what we did on the weekends. Underlying this iffy contention is the fact that no one outside of the Hamilton network can see our facebook profiles without our consent. Thus, employers can't see our profiles unless they friend us. Administrative members, however, can view our profiles, but we can block their access to our pictures using the privacy controls. Even if they are able to view incriminating pictures, the only conceivable way that such pictures would be used against us is if we were already accused of a crime which our facebook pictures confirmed. Facebook's capacity to display pictures is one of its most enjoyable features, for pictures enable us to connect to our friends's lives. Students should just use proper discretion when posting pictures.

Lastly, since the hackneyed phrase "you can't judge a book by its cover" has been instilled in us since kindergarten, it's absurd that college students still haven't gotten the message. Obviously a facebook profile is not sufficient for judging character. It surprises me that only about two-thirds of the facebook junkies interviewed recognize this.

In conclusion, I think last week's article was too critical of the beauty that is facebook. People just need to use facebook properly to maximize its benefits and minimize its drawbacks. I'd challenge critics to stop simply criticizing Zuckerberg's design, and propose some changes that would improve facebook, or better yet, create a better system. I imagine that it would be quite difficult.

- Maria Sullivan

Reason to Death

by Alex Seserman '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

A rational individual cannot choose death over life. Life at worst is comprehensible; death at best is beyond our understanding.

One cannot claim that something that is unknowable is worse than something that is knowable, no matter how severe the known horror may seem to be.

If you believe death is knowable than you generally also hold that suicide or assisted suicide (euthanasia) do not offer a comfortable eternity.

If you do not have such a faith, you fall into one of two groups, neither of which offer better reasons to choose death.

Suicide or euthanasia in the Christian faiths I am familiar with (namely Catholicism) is seen as a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit; a final rejection of Christ.

What can be more finite than death, and what can be more of a rejection of Christ than murder and a rejection of salvation?

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the one unforgivable sin (Matthew 12:31-32); a sin that condemns you to hell.

The Koran is even more explicit about suicide, "commit not suicide," Sura 4:33. The Jewish faith also strongly opposes suicide, even though there is no explicit passage I can quote. The Buddhist faith opposes suicide, and those that commit suicide will be punished in a future life. Suicide is again forbidden in the Hindu faith, with some exceptions.

With the exceptions of some cults, the punishment for suicide in what comes after death is worse than any conceivable pains of life. Thus, it is not generally logical for a person of faith to choose suicide over life.

For those that believe we cannot know what comes after death, it is similarly illogical to choose death over life, no matter how horrible you might think life is. You may say, "Nothing can be worse than this hell that I am feeling now."

Maybe, and there is an infinite possibility that you may be right, but also there is an infinite possibility that you are wrong. In fact, the possibility that death is better than life, if you claim not to have any knowledge of what death can be and do not subscribe to any religious faith, is 50-50.

Either death is better than life or it isn't. Since the choice for the individual does not offer a stronger argument one way or the other, it seems necessary that we look at how the choice would affect others. Especially in the case of euthanasia, many arguments can be made in favor of an individual's death over that individual's continued life. It is hard to make any general statements about circumstances in which it is better to remain alive then not, and seemingly these should be decided on an individual basis.

However, there does seem to be one thing that would make the case for remaining alive better: while alive there exists the possibility of having a better existence.

It is this possibility that makes life seem like a better choice over an unknowable death, no matter how miniscule the chances are that life could actually get better.

For those that believe that there is nothing after death, there is again no reason they should choose death over life. I have never experienced nothingness.

How could one experience nothing? It is very hard, if not impossible, to explain or perceive nothing. Is it like being asleep? How do you know?

Unless somebody clearly explains what nothingness is, people that believe that after death there is nothing must admit they do not know what comes after death.

Maybe I am mistaken in claiming that nothing is something, but if there is nothing there, how can we think of nothing? How can we grasp this idea of not being?

Even if we can claim it exists, we cannot describe what it is like, and if we cannot describe what it is like, then we cannot say it is better or worse than life.

My argument has one central flaw; it is based on the assumption that as long as one is alive one's life can get better. I dismissed the idea that life in equal part can get worse. If life can get better, then it can also get worse, so there is always the 50% chance that life will get better or worse. Additionally, I have ignored the possibility that life will stay the same. Yet, where does this possibility fit in?

Does it fit in between the two possibilities or is it part of one or the other. I want to claim that it fits in with life being worse. When your life is at the point where suicide seems the only real possibility, you have crossed the threshold to the side of life getting worse.

If your life gets any better from that point on, then you will be pulled into life getting better. If life gets any worse it won't change your mind, so it seems that there is an infinite number of good things that could happen to change one's mind yet there is nothing bad that could happen to change one's mind.

If only good can change one's mind, then it seems that chance of something good happening is infinitely greater than the chance of something bad happening. If this argument doesn't make sense, then just follow the words of Dorothy Parker: "You might as well live."

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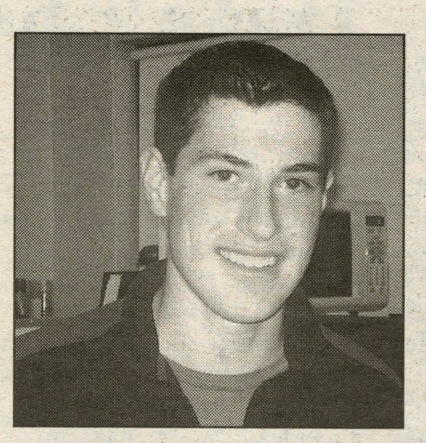

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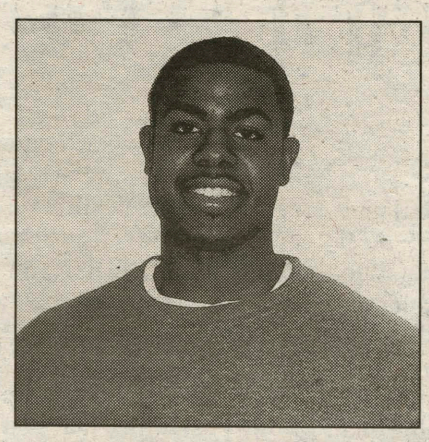

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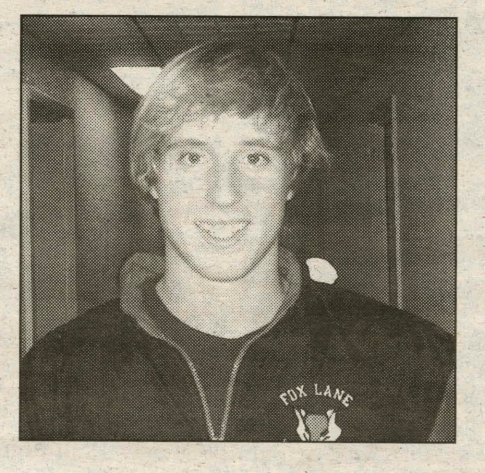

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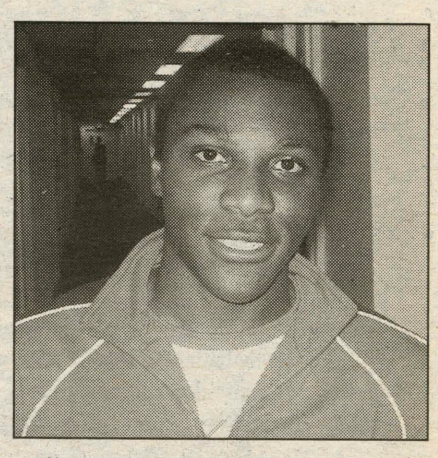
~Henry Johnson '10



"I watched an hour and a half of 'Laguna Beach' with 'Cameron is such a bad dude! I can't believe he cheated on Jessica.' I cry."

~Mikhail Bell '08

Hamilton Unscripted

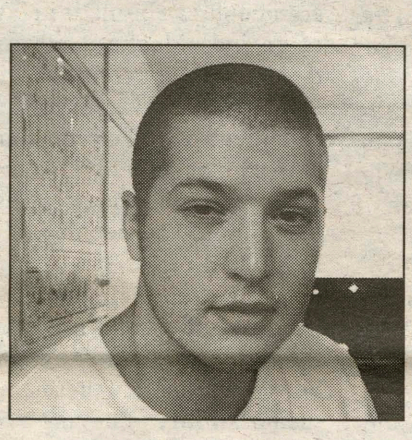
This week's question:

What funny thing did you do or know of that happened over Fall Break?

by Nonny Chizea '08

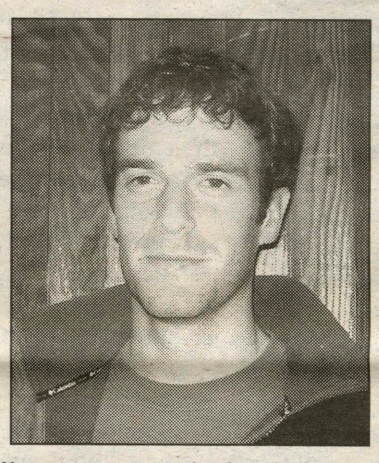
"My cabbie informed me that 'Utica sucks.' I beg to differ."

~Elizabeth Kosar '10



"My girlfriend flicked me in the eye and now I am blind in one eye."

~Zach Balch '08

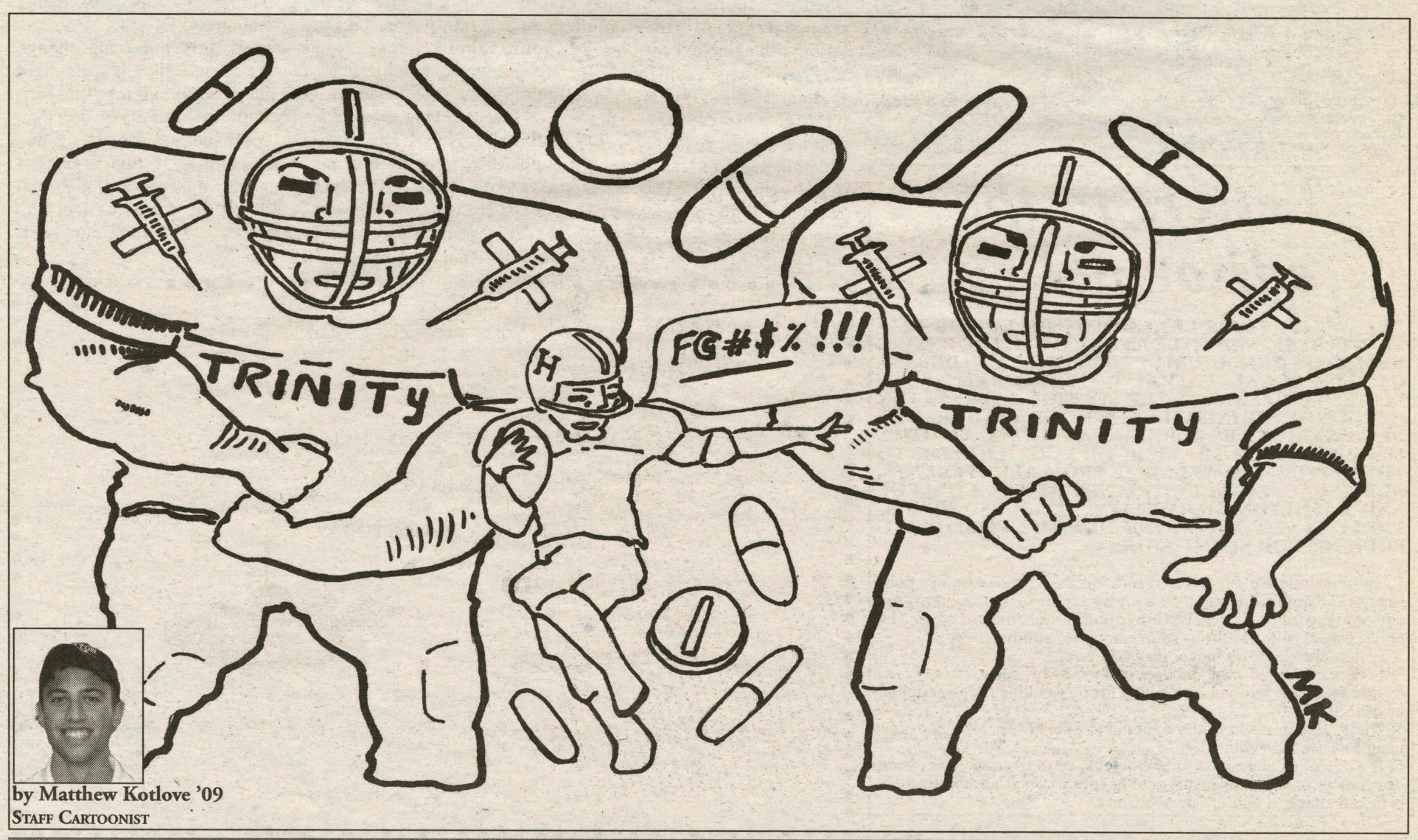


"Bryant Michels sleeping in the hallway losing his keys at 2 a.m."

~Grant Dimbleby '08

"I went to a Hibachi Restaurant where my fiancé became the record holder for longest time chugging Saki from a squirt bottle."

~Laura Belden '07



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Hamilton alumni San Pio Resta, Jones and Lewis, who died in WTC, are remembered

by Kara Labs '09
Features Writer

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A view from the West Side Highway as the north tower collapses. Three Hamilton alumni were killed in the WTC attacks.

In Memory of the Three Hamilton Alumni Who Died on September 11, 2001:

So much is said about the tragic events and circumstances surrounding September 11, but not nearly enough is focused on those who died on that day. There are few people who know the names of the Hamilton alumni who died: Sylvia San Pio Resta '95, Arthur Joseph Jones III '86 and Adam Jay Lewis '87. These three lives are sorely missed today by their families, friends and the whole Hamilton community. In the days following the attacks, on the alumni page of the Hamilton website, alumni posted news that their classmates were safe. About 700 names were posted, along with the depressing news that three Hamilton alumni were in fact missing and so presumed dead.

Sylvia San Pio Resta was a native to New York City. Born on September 27, 1974, she eventually found her way back to the city only to work on the 92nd floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center for Carr Futures. Sylvia was the daughter of Spanish-born parents, Jose Luis San Pio, a lawyer, and Maria Jose San Pio, a real estate broker. When she was young, Sylvia attended the Kew-Forest School in Forest Hills, NY, and then attended two years at Marymount International School in England. Because of her years at Marymount and the credits she accumulated over there she was able to graduate from Hamilton in three years with the class of 1995. She lived in Bayside Queens with her husband John Resta who was a Carr project manager and also perished with her in the attacks. At the time of the attacks she was pregnant with her first child and about to take her maternity leave from Carr in a week because the baby was expected in less than two months. They were a happy newlywed couple having just celebrated their first wedding anniversary in August previous to the attacks. While on the Hill, Sylvia San Pio studied mathematics, was a member of the Black and Latin Student Union and also had an interest in art. She eventually went to Mexico to study ceramics. Professor of Mathematics Robert Kantrowitz remembers Sylvia, "She was around the math department a lot, and was close to former Professor of Mathematics, John Anderson, who, oddly, also died after a short illness in 2000, way too young. Nonetheless, one day Sylvia walked into the Christian Johnson building and nobody recognized her. She had shaved off all of her hair - a Sinead O'Connor-type look from the early 90's. She was a warm and friendly person." She died at the age of 27.

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Sylvia San Pio Resta '95 perished in the World Trade Center attacks at age 27.

Arthur Joseph Jones III, a graduate of the class of 1986, also worked for Carr Futures. He was a native of New York City, born in Brooklyn on June 25, 1964. His parents were Arthur J., Jr., a salesman, and Marilyn Jones, a registered nurse. He was a graduate of Hampton Bays High School in NY, where he played basketball. When he got to the Hill in August of 1982 he was originally interested in sports medicine but decided to become a history major instead. Art was a member of Delta Upsilon and had a lot of friends on the Hill. After he graduated in 1986, Art went to work for Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., where he was a commodities analyst and broker for the firm. Their offices were also located in the World Trade Center. Later he switched jobs to become a commodities trader with Carr Futures. On May 30, 1992 he married Carol L. Francolini in Hampton Bays, NY. He died at the age of 37 working in his office of the World Trade Center. He left his wife, and three daughters, Julia, Charlotte and Cary. A son that he never got to see, Joseph Arthur, was born in April 2002. Many of Arthur's friends attended a memorial service for him on September 24, 2001 in Ossining, NY.

Adam Jay Lewis hailed from the class of 1987 and graduated with a degree in government. He was a stellar athlete and joined the football team when he got to Hamilton. Born on December 19, 1964, in Rahway, NJ to Arthur and Geraldine Lewis, Lewis lived from age six to age eleven with his parents in Spain, only to come back later to live in an apartment in the Bronx with his father. Adam always had a competitive spirit and was ready to meet any challenge. He attended the Dalton School, located on 87th Street in New York City, for high school. Adam was able to acquire a full scholarship there and played football as well as captaining both the baseball and basketball teams. In 1996, Adam was elected to Dalton's Hall of Fame. After he graduated, Adam became a very successful bond trader for Keefe, Bruyette in the World Trade Center. In his free time, he continued his athletic interests by playing basketball and skiing. He commuted to Manhattan from his home in Fairfield, CT. While a student on the Hill he met his future wife, Patricia R. Dunne of the class of 1988 and married her on July 13, 1991. They had four children: Reilly, Sam, Caroline and Sophie, the youngest of whom was only 18 months old when he died. He was a man who was caring and completely devoted to his family. His life was taken from him at the age of 36. He also left his mother, two sisters, and a great circle of friends who were proud to know a person so full of life.

A memorial service honoring the lives of these three individuals was held in the Hamilton College Chapel on June 9, 2002. Prayers and songs were recited as well as memories about their lives. In their honor a scholarship was established in 2001 by a lead gift from Hamilton College Trustee Stephen I. Sadove of the class of 1973 as well as many other gifts from friends, alumni, and parents. The scholarship is a need-based scholarship to students who are directly related to one of the three alumni who died, or if the student is a direct descendent of any other victim who died in the attacks. The scholarship is also awarded to students who are the direct descendents of victims of future national tragedies or to students who have lost a parent for any reason. There have already been a small number of students who have benefited from this scholarship. Let us hope that the memory of Sylvia san Pio Resta '95, Arthur Joseph Jones III '86 and Adam J. Lewis '87 will never be tarnished and their contribution to our community will never go unremembered.

Sparks ignite as new Juggling Club takes flight

by Ashley Stagner '09
Features Writer

The Hamilton Juggling Club originated on the west coast in sunny San Diego, California at The Bishop's School. Matt Eichenfield '09 and David Moroney '09, the two presidents of the club, went to The Bishop's School (high school) together where the original juggling club was founded.

Last September Eichenfield and Moroney "tossed around" the idea of starting a juggling club at Hamilton. About three or four years ago there was a juggling club, lead by Carter Cox, but neither Associate Professor of Physics Gordon Jones, the faculty advisor, or Paul Ryan, assistant director of student activities, could find a copy of the old constitution. So they created a new one. The new constitution is relatively amusing: hazing is defined as "forcing new members to juggle six knives or more than three chainsaws."

The club was approved last spring and started out with eight members. Ryan Bartz '07, Heather Parker '07 and Yuqi Mao '09 are some of the original members, and now make up the voting and management faction of the Juggling Club.

This year the club set up a booth on Martin's Way on Club Fair Day and lured many students in with impressive demonstrations of their juggling skills. The club now has a total of forty members, with fifteen to twenty active members including a high school senior from Clinton, Jake Pfitsch, son of Associate Professor of Biology William Pfitsch.

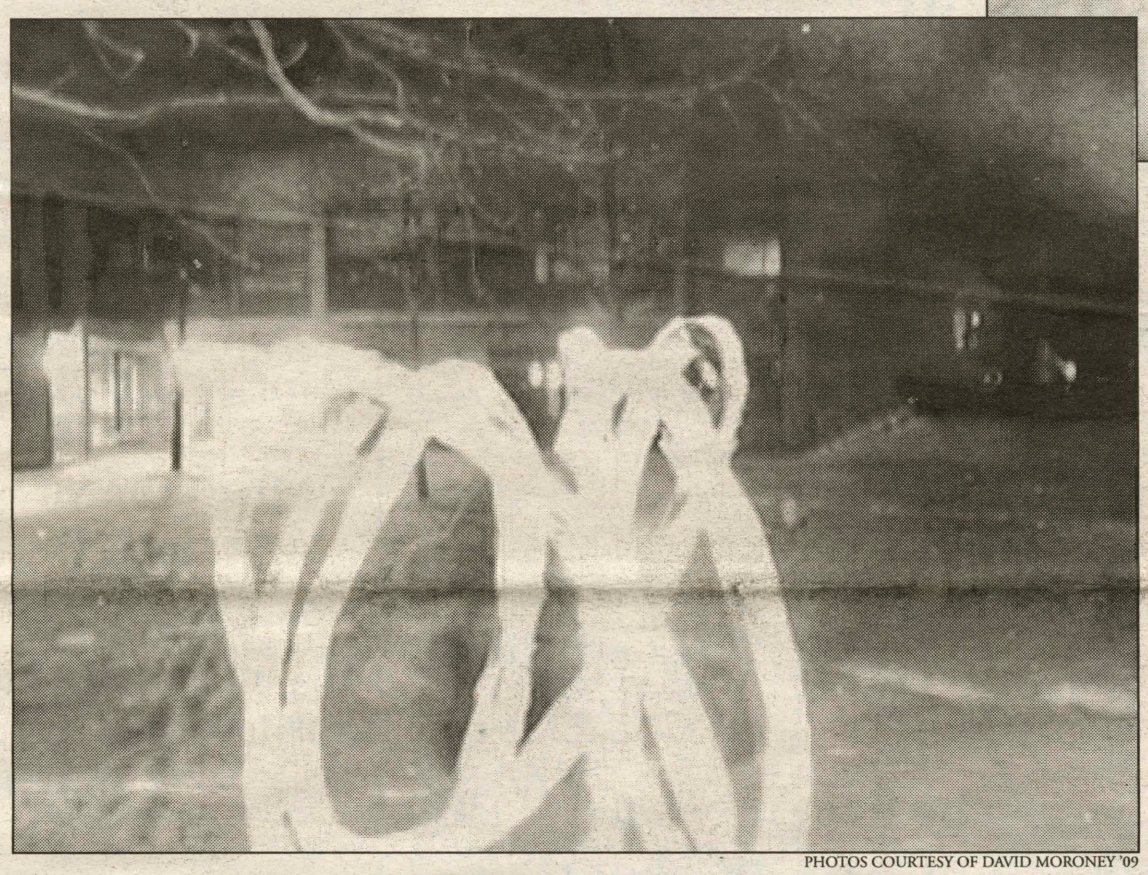
Members of the club can do many different kinds of juggling: balls, clubs, rings, poi, contact, flare, Diablo, scarves, devil sticks and fire. They also know how to use Unicycles, Rola Bolas and various other types of circus and juggling equipment. According to Eichenfield, "the purpose of the club is to teach new people how to juggle, let people improve their juggling skills, and put on performances."

They will be teaching people how to juggle at Fall Fest, and simultaneously displaying their own amazing talent. However, due to Clinton fire codes, there will not be a fire display. Next semester they will be having a full performance for the campus.

The juggling club received funding from Students Activities this year to buy basic equipment, and also flare equipment for bar tending juggling (Interesting fact: The Flare Bar tending Championship is the only type of juggling to be seen on both ESPN and the Food Network).

Bartz says, "Juggling is pretty much the coolest thing around... we're getting in touch with some of the roots of theatre and entertainment. How could anything be cooler than that? I went abroad to Australia in the fall last semester where I found an amazing juggling club and thought, these people seem crazy and weird, I want to find out what it's all about! I'm just so excited to share the same wonderful juggling experience I had in Australia with others who are anxious to learn. We have a great environment... really laid back."

Mao originally taught himself how to juggle in high school, "but I didn't really get serious with it, all I could do was three balls, and not really well. I guess I just wanted to do something I couldn't. So, when I came here, I overheard Dave talk about juggling with Professor Jones. They were going to meet, and I went, and that was the first unofficial meeting of the club. Right now my main goal is to try to learn how to pass well. It would be really cool if we could get a group of club passers. I've also attempted to try contact juggling, and I have played with poi."



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David Moroney '09 and Chris Sullivan '09 practice spinning fire poi, a type of juggling that evolved in New Zealand.

According to both Bartz and Mao, their faculty advisor, Jones, is already a pro. Bartz says, "[Gordon Jones] enlightens us every day, and with Gordon's help hopefully we'll be ready for the performance next semester." Similarly, Mao states, "[Jones] has been juggling since college—he's amazing with all of his tricks. Seeing him with clubs made me want to try them."

The juggling club meets every Friday at 4 p.m. outside the Science Center. In case of rain, they meet inside the atrium. They will teach anyone, and no previous knowledge is required.

Weekly SuDoku Puzzle

by Martin Connor '09
Features Editor

SuDoku- The Number Sensation that's Sweeping the Nation:
The rules are simple; why not give it a try!
Before you know you'll be Su-dicted!

Just fill every box with the numbers 1-9 so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains each number only once!

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of single Hamilton females reporting their inability to find the right person. This distinction is contrasted by data that show **88%** of single females interested in having a relationship versus **80%** of single males interested in finding a partner. As a consequence, we raise the question as to why it is harder for single females than single males at Hamilton to find a partner despite their larger interest.

An attempt for an explanation takes us to the personal preferences of all males and females at Hamilton with the question: **"When looking for a partner, which of the following characteristics do you value most?"** We notice that **22%** of males value physical appearance most, compared to only **5%** of females. On the other hand, **41%** of females chose intelligence as the most valued characteristic contrasted with a low of **20%** of males choosing intelligence. Furthermore, **20%** of males and **14%** of females said they valued romance the most when looking for a partner. **In other words, single males prefer romantic and attractive females while single females prefer smart males.**

The survey provides sufficient information to conclude that students who approve of casual sex and who describe themselves as old-fashioned, religious and practice their religion are more likely to be conservative. On the flip side, those who describe themselves as sensitive are more likely to be liberal. As for religious differences, only **40%** of Atheist/Agnostic respondents described themselves as romantic compared to **54%** of Protestants. Also, Jewish students are more likely to think that sex is important for the success of a relationship.

In conclusion, the survey showed major differences between genders mainly on the grounds of characteristics of partners. However, overall, survey results indicated that males and females have equally successful relationships at Hamilton.

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Quick Facts about Relationships at Hamilton:

56% of respondents have/ had relationships that lasted longer than a year.

42% of respondents don't think there are enough activities for couples on campus.

14% of respondents who are dating a Hamilton student lived in the same dorm.

32% of respondents in a relationship spend more than 15 hours every week with their partner, the equivalent of a part-time job.

Look for more survey results from HamPoll on all your favorite topics in upcoming issues of The Spectator.

Recipes for a successful relationship at Hamilton:

If you view yourself as smart:
Date someone you view as loving
Date someone you view as smart
Don't date someone you view as complicated

If you view yourself as romantic:
Date someone you view as loving and who would talk to you often.

If you view yourself as innocent:
Don't date someone you view as complicated.
Date someone who would take you to special events like concerts, performances, restaurants, etc…

If you are an Atheist/Agnostic:
Look for someone who does not approve of casual sex.

If you are a Protestant:
Look for someone who views himself/ herself as loud, someone you view as smart, and someone who would often talk to you and take you to special events.

If you are a Catholic:
Look for someone who disapproves of casual sex.

What'sUp This Week at Hamilton

MONDAY

Daily Prayer-
12:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

President Stewart's Open Hour-
1:30 PM - Cafe Opus

Psychology Colloquium- "The Cinderella of Psychology: The Neglect of Motor Control in the Science of Mental Life and Behavoir."
4:10 PM - SC 3014

TUESDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

WEDNESDAY

Meditation Group-
7:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

Performance- "Always the Women"
7:00 PM - Fillius Barn

Reading by Ama Ata Aidoo
8:00 PM - KJ Aud

Prayer Meeting-
9:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

THURSDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Lecture-"I am What I Eat?: Technologies of Food, Domestication and Self"
4:15 PM - KJ Red Pit

Asian Culture Society General Meeting-
5:30 PM - ELS

FRIDAY

Fallcoming

Juggling Club Meeting-
4:00 PM - Science Center Lawn Atrium

Mohawk Valley- World Class Jazz
9:00 PM - Fillius Barn

From Where I Sit: "It" gets easier everyday

by Bianca Dragan '10
Features Writer

What you have heard is true. But it's more than that. I will say it but not quite yet – I have to create the suspense, right? Bear with me; it's big!

So, next week I celebrate two months since I have arrived here. I've gotten used to the language, to the corn on the cob, but not yet to the whole feet-meter conversion (but I'm working on that).

What have I learned? Well, I've learned about "it". Not that "it," the other one. Before I reveal the deeply consequential topic, I'll give you some clues.

First, I've learned to attach a story to my name. Using mythology, it is possible to go into a fairly detailed etymology of somebody's name. At least mythological creatures were the ones that brought meaning to my name. I used bees, anchors, dragons, vampires and pirates in coining myself a new name: Bee-Anchor Dragon. Have you explored your name yet?! Go ahead and bring stories, etymology, mythology and analogies into play! Act it! You might be on to something.

Second, I've learned that ham or pepperoni can come under the cheese in a square pizza. Apparently I also eat bananas the wrong way – I open them from the other end. Now I know that apple crisps can be made from scratch and are delicious, and apple.com is snobbish. It seems that you cannot pay with credit cards from outside the U.S. or Canada (one of the few websites that has this condition). What should have taken only 2-3 minutes to order a Mac took almost three weeks! Online!

I have also learned that stalking the Martin's Way Cat is hard. And weird. (Forget Facebook, guys, that's so five minutes ago!). But, I still want to pet that fluffy, orange, fuzzy, sweet, cuddly cat. (I know that sentence screams "freshman." Can you blame me? I miss my cat, Mitsubishi!). I've also found that the cats in Clinton are either international or I know the cat's language. I called them in Romanian ("Pisi, pisi, pisisisis!" Something like "PC! PC PC!") and they came, touched my leg and meowed.

I know how "Fall Break" feels on campus. No jitney, no meal plan, no pool, no library, no McEwen, only Commons. Trying to eat or to shop in Clinton after 3:00 p.m. makes you sigh and say: "Toto, we are definitely not in Kansas anymore." Especially if you were brought up in a city where the shops are open until midnight or never close.

I've learned to smile at people who I do not know. This is common here, so even when I mix up people because I stubbornly don't wear my glasses, it's okay. It's even okay to see a rock and take it as a dog. And then go enthusiastically to see him closer. It's still okay.

I've learned that I can function even with only 2-3 hours of sleep, although after 5:00 a.m. it is very likely that I start to talk in another dialect. I'm not the only one speaking a weird language. A couple of my friends want to learn Romanian. They are doing a great job, but I am trying not to be confused with the English "spelling" of the Romanian words that I come up to help their pronunciation.

I've learned that if you want to be hugged, writing an article helps. (I was hugged a lot two weeks ago.) I've also been told that I can have a German kaffeepause, have an engaging conversation during the ESOL conversation table, speak French in Commons while having a crepe, or say "Hola! Como estas?" on my way to the library. Attitude is everything when you want to be a polyglot.

Clearly, these are all important things that I've learned, but combined they still sum to only a paltry fraction of "it."

You may now be sitting reading this wondering exactly what "it" is. Well "it" is the thing that I've been learning since I got here, it is that crucial lesson that will allow me to survive more four years of college. Do you want to know what "it" is? Well if you think I'm going to tell you, your sorely mistaken, because above all I've learned that we have to all learn "it" on our own, although it sure is nice to have at least a little help along the way.

Hamilton Style:
Stay warm in style with sweaters!

by Nonny Chizea '08
Features Fashion Columnist

As most of us anticipated, after Fall Break the weather gets colder on the Hill. Just because the weather is colder does not mean you have to freeze or lose all sense of fashion. You can stay warm this fall and winter by looking warm.

This season, sweaters (the granny looking styles) are actually cool to wear –especially if they are long. Get warm and get some ideas with these ultra-chic styles courtesy of *urbanoutfitters.com*

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The *Zip-Up Tunic Sweater* works well with straight led or skinny jeans with boots. It is also good for elongating your legs.

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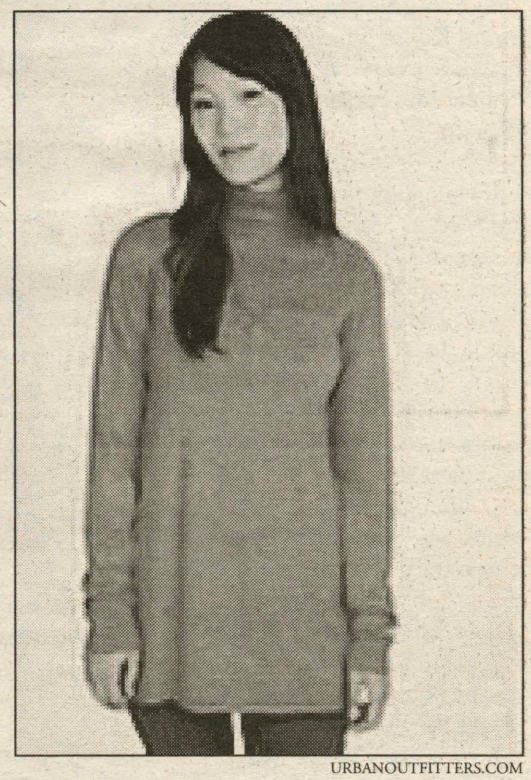
The *Kimichi & Blue Rib Yoke Tunic* is a more light weight piece. You can work this sweater with any bottom, from pants, trousers, skirts, shorts and leggings.



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If you opt for a more radical style, then try the *Free People Funnel Neck Sweater Tunic* (a mouthful). Complete this look with knee-length leggings and scrunched boots.

Arts & Entertainment

Top five football movies to kick off NFL season

by Leighton Smith '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Due to the start to the NFL season and the recent inundation of football movies in theaters, I thought this would be a fitting time to cobble together a list of my top five favorites. I present them in descending order, along with a short explanation for why they made the list:

1. **Rudy**:

"Rudy" is not your traditional football movie. Unlike some of the other movies on my list, "Rudy"really focuses on an individual more than a team. The plot also does not trace an entire season; Rudy only plays in one game.

There are only a handful of movies that have the kind of emotional impact that "Rudy" does. The "pull for the underdog" idea is nothing new, but among this subgenre I think "Rudy" stands apart. Most of the actors turn in great performances. I can't think of anyone else besides Sean Astin who could have played the title role, and Jon Favreau is great as his brainy friend. Charles S. Dutton, the football player who becomes a janitor, has one of the movie's most inspiring speeches. The story is based on actual events, making its features all the more poignant. But the most important part of the movie, aside from the story and the characters, is the score, which was composed by Jerry Goldsmith.

Goldsmith has scored over 300 productions, but not many can touch "Rudy." I am sure that not many people are familiar with the track names, but I am sure that any fan of the movie would immediately recognize any song from "Rudy." The movie could still have had a similar impact with a different score and/or composer, but I don't believe it would be nearly as profound as it is.

2. **Remember the Titans**:

Disney's "Remember the Titans" is a highly entertaining movie. Of all the movies on this list, it was the highest-earner, grossing over $115 million at the box office.

A good portion of "Remember the Titans" deals with race relations, but instead of weighing the movie down with heavy drama, the weighty subject matter serves as a springboard for some of the movie's best moments.

In a similar fashion to "Rudy," much of "Remember the Titans" is inextricably tied to its soundtrack and is also based on a true story, but those are about the only similarities between the two. "Remember the Titans" is a very smooth, well put together movie. Coming from Walt Disney and Jerry Bruckheimer, this is really no surprise.

3. **Friday Night Lights**:

I recently saw "Friday Night Lights" for the first time and was pleasantly surprised. Perhaps the best thing going for it is that it does not have a happy ending. In fact, most of the movie is depressing and sad. The ever-present fluorescent stadium lights emphasize this melancholic mood with their dull, unfeeling glare.

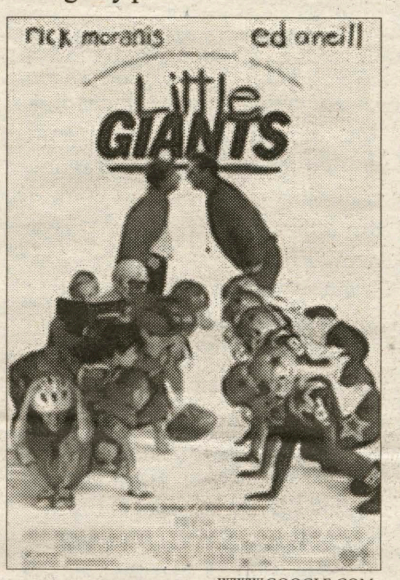
"Friday Night Lights" is very effective at conveying the pressures put on coaches and players. You can plainly see that football is everything to the Texas town, and all aspects of life are intertwined with the sport.

The movie presents an interesting dichotomy for the players. Everybody plays, but for some of the players, football is a way out, access to college and a life beyond their small town. For other boys, it is their only chance to do something that they see as worthwhile, because they know that they will never succeed after high school.

4. **Varsity Blues**:

It seems to me like you know exactly where this movie is going right from the very beginning. Everything is predictable.

Luckily, there is just enough ridiculousness to keep the movie interesting and entertaining from there. It is as though the filmmakers knew that they were playing on some pretty tired clichés, and decided to just have some fun. You know what I mean: the banana sundae, the teacher/stripper, the idea that James Van Der Beek ends up going to Brown. *Varsity Blues* makes it onto this list merely as a guilty pleasure.



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Little Giants: The quintessential football movie for all ages.

5. **Little Giants**:

I hope there are some people out there who remember this gem. "Little Giants" is a brilliant look at what it means to "be a man." Its careful examination of masculinity and femininity is sensitive and thought-provoking, and it stands the test of time. Ed O'Neill and Rick Moranis star as two pee-wee football coaches, and brothers, who square off against each other on the gridiron. O'Neill's team is the heavily favored Cowboys, while Moranis is stuck with the lowly Giants.

But are they so lowly? Made up of rejects, nerds, and – gasp – a girl, it seems like they are likely to be demolished by their opponents. I highly recommend that you check out "Little Giants" for its deeper societal implications, but if you just want to see some great football action, you'll get that too.

I should mention that this is by no means an exhaustive list. There are many football movies that I have not seen, and some that I would not consider to be "football movies" for one reason for another.

Obviously, there are some movies which did not earn their way into the top five. I have compiled a list and thrown any movie that falls into any of these categories onto it.

Here they are, in no order whatsoever: *Any Given Sunday*, *The Waterboy*, *The Longest Yard* (either one), *The Gridiron Gang*, *Radio*, *Jerry Maguire*, *All the Right Moves*, *Heaven Can Wait*, *Brian's Song*, *Invincible*, *Air Bud: Golden Receiver*, *The Replacements*.

Indie-pop sensations: Motion City Soundtrack

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I had heard about Motion City Soundtrack (MCS) previously, but until this summer I had never listened to their music. I was really missing out. I have to give the credit to my friend Kevin who, by listening to MCS everyday, caused me to become curious and listen to them.

This beautiful, melodious, indie-punk-pop-emo band was founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1999 by Justin Pierre (lead vocals and guitar), Matt Taylor (bass guitar, piano, vocals), Josh Cain (guitar, vocals), Tony Thaxton (drums, percussion, vocals), and Jesse Johnson (moog synthesizer, keyboard).

The bands first full-length album was "I Am the Movie," which they self-released twice in 2002, before the album was picked up for national release by Epitaph Records.

The band toured for a while before they released the single, "The Future Freaks Me Out," in 2003.

The song and video made with their friends from back home made them famous.

"The Future Freaks Me Out" is actually my favorite song by the band, and they almost didn't put it on the record. The song only took them a couple of hours to write, and two weeks before they went in to make the record, Cain played the part, and Pierre sang the words. According to Pierre, "It was completely random. But that's how we work."

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The future shouldn't freak them out anymore: Motion City Soundtrack are ready to take the world by storm with their music and Justin Pierre's crazy hair.

I love the lyrics to the song, especially the chorus: "I'm on fire and now I think I'm ready to bust a move / Check it out I'm rocking steady / To the beat in my head / It goes oh, oh-oh-oh / I know that she's the only one / I'd rather waste our time together / Yeah, 'cause we can get down."

Reading the lyrics it is a little hard to understand the attraction to the song, so just listen to it on their site, or on Purevolume.com.

Whenever I hear the song, I just start dancing to it-it is just such a catchy song with an irresistible beat. Oh Betty.

Their second single, "My Favorite Accident," was released later that year. The song, while still energetic, is somewhat more dramatic than their previous single. Also, you can understand all the words in this song. The best lines are the chorus: "You said we were an accident / With accidents you'll never know what could have been / So we were an accident / You'll always be my favorite one." So sweet.

In 2004 MCS went on tour with Blink-182 in Europe and Japan. Mark Hoppus, the bassist of Blink-182, mentioned to the group that he was interested in pursuing production work; MCS became his first client.

The band's second album, "Commit This to Memory," was recorded in Los Angeles in the fall of 2004. The title was chosen early on from a lyric in one the album's songs, "Hangman," which also features Hoppus. The band's first single off of the album, "Everything's All Right,"includes Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump, and Limbeck's Rob Maclean and Patrick Carrie in the background. The song has had significant radio play.

Production work for the album finished in early 2005, and quickly afterwards the album was leaked to pirate sites while the band was on the first ever Epitaph Tour in February and March.

Pierre, a former film school student, always thought of himself as a director first, and then a musician. Now, he is a combination, projecting his personality and life into the songs. The songs, "Hold Me Down" and "Resolution" are two of his most personal songs.

The latest album, which is now out in a deluxe edition, is a stunning blend of the five musicians finding themselves and taking the listener for the journey with them.

"'Cause I hate the ocean,
theme parks and airplanes,
Talking with strangers,
waiting in line.
I'm through with these pills
that make me sit still.
Are you feeling fine?
Yes, I feel just fine."

You feel so fine that you should write for A & E!

Contact ndietsch or rmintzer.

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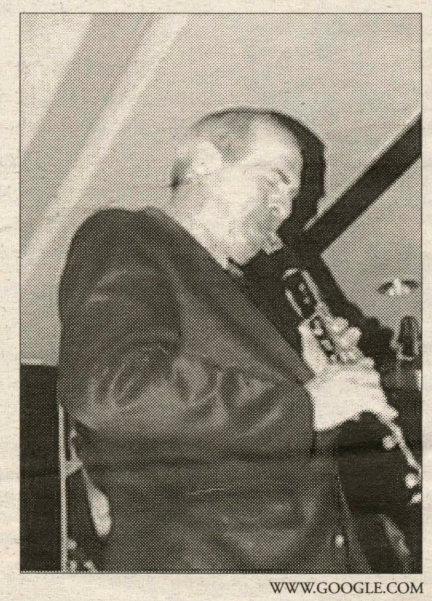
Fallcoming jazz

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Friday the 13th is not always a day for superstition. In fact, this year, it is not only the beginning of Fallcoming, but also a night to catch an exceptional jazz performance.

Fallcoming traditionally features a night of classic jazz, thanks to Milton Fillius Jr. '44, Hamilton College Life Trustee, who originally conceived the event (as well as the Jazz Archive in the basement of the Schambach Center). This year is no exception, as Hamilton College proudly presents The Kenny Davern Quintent.



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Jazz clarinetist Kenny Davern will present his All-Star Jazz Quintent at Hamilton next week.

Kenny Davern is one of the premier jazz clarinetists of our time, taking inspiration from Pee Wee Russell and other classic jazz artists. Hailed in the 1980s by the New York Times as "the finest jazz clarinetist playing today," Davern has played with various jazz groups since the 1950s, including Jack Teagarden's Band and the Dukes of Dixieland.

For his performance next Friday, Davern has assembled an all-star group consisting of Chuck Riggs on drums, James Chirillo on guitar, and Greg Cohen on bass. Furthermore, renowned jazz guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli will be making a special appearance with the group.

Bucky Pizzarelli has been a professional jazz guitarist since 1943 and has toured with the Vaughn Monroe dance band, as well as played as a staff musician for NBC, among many other career highlights.

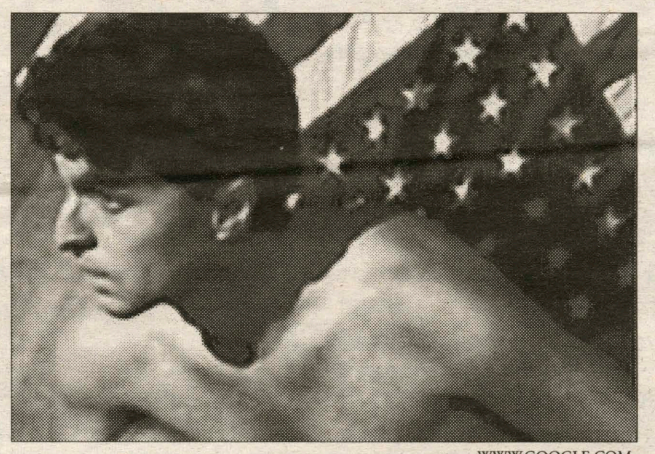
Both Kenny Davern and Bucky Pizzarelli have received honorary degrees from Hamilton College, 2000 and 2003, respectively, and have been paired on numerous recordings and performed together at various concerts.

Don't miss out on what is sure to be a night of wonderful music, sponsored by the Hamilton College Jazz Archive and the Office of Alumni Programs. The concert will begin at 9 p.m. in the Fillius Events Barn, admission is free. For more information, call (859-4071).

Contemporary Voices and Visions Series

by Rebekah A. Mintzer '09 and Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editors

On Saturday night, October 7 at 8 p.m., Hamilton College will welcome Tim Miller, a notable stage performer, in the Contemporary Voices and Visions Series.



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Tim Miller will present his one-man show this Saturday.

Miller will perform his one-man show entitled "Us." The performance will connect the hardships and dilemmas faced by gays and lesbians with Miller's lifelong love for Broadway shows.

Miller is a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to his career. He has performed his one-man shows at venues as prestigious as the Yale Repertory Theatre, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and the Institute of Contemporary Art in London. He has written and performed countless productions, most recently "Glory Box "(1999) and "Us" (2003).

With "Glory Box," Miller took on an issue that was extremely contentious and personal:the fight for gays to keep their foreign partners legally in the United States.

Immigration rights that the government would not have denied a heterosexual couple have been denied to Miller's partner, Alastair, who is Australian, for years.

*see **Miller**, page 16*

Hamilton Playlist

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Name: Emma Furman
Year: 2007
Major: The Spectator

1.) *Drones* by Rise Against - "because sometimes you need to rock out."

2.) *Hey There Delilah* by Plain White T's - "because it puts me to sleep, in the good way."

3.) *Down* by Something Corporate - "the lyrics."

4.) *A Fever You Can't Sweat Out* by Panic! at the Disco - "because of the highly entertaining music video."

5.) *Roadside* by Rise Against - "for his ridiculous voice and that I can sing along."

6.) *Yesterday* by Hilary Duff - "because I love her."

7.) *A Southern Thing* by Better Than Ezra - "because it's a great driving song."

8.) *How to Save a Life* by The Fray - "because it's pretty."

9.) *Goodbye Earl* by The Dixie Chicks - "because my best friend and I separately decided upon hearing this song for the first time that we'd kill an Earl for each other."

10.) *The Sun Will Rise in Queens* by The Exit - "because it's a great song."

Attention iPod Junkies...

Have a playlist you're dying to share? Think other people listen to bad music? Want to know what your professors and administration listen to? Let us know your playlists or whose playlists you want to know. Email **ndietsch** *or* **rmintzer**, *and share your ideas with us.*

Senator Sam Brownback proposes strict new law on video game raters

by Brendan Conway '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I affectionately count myself among those insane zealots of gamery known only as "gamers." So, I find myself getting swept up in the myriad political causes of gamers more often than not.

That's right. Political causes of gamers. You can start running now.

In the past, these causes have ranged from the creation of the Video Game Voters Network to denouncing the depraved antics of one Jack Thompson, noted anti-video game proponent and, dare I say, man of ill-repute.

Of late, however, there is a most pressing development which I feel must be shared with my brethren, as it was shared with me through that holiest of websites, Penny-Arcade.com.

Let me tell you a little story.

It starts with a U.S. Senator, one Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas. As many senators do, this adorable lump of senatorial cuteness proposed a sinister bill known as the "Truth in Video Game Rating Act."

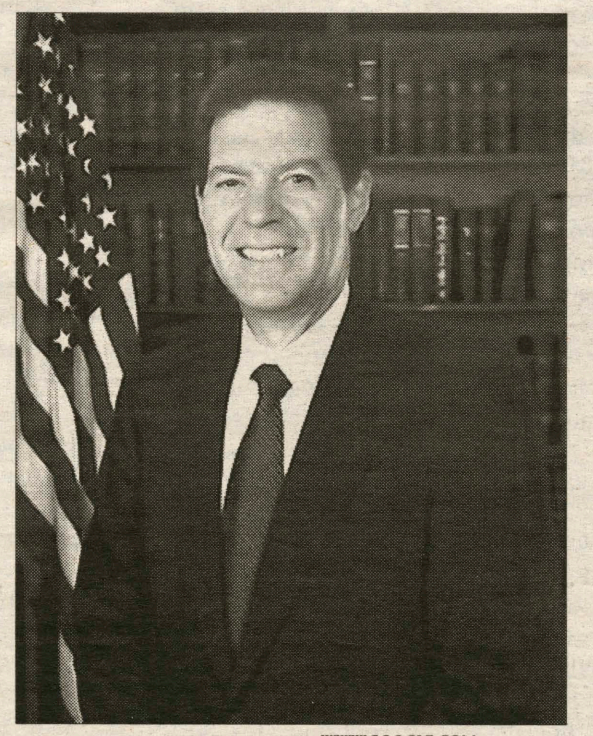
I'm sure many of you are sitting up with perked ears, expressions of youthful innocence resplendent on your shining faces, as you say "What, pray tell, could be so sinister about such a benevolent-sounding act?"

Alas, younglings... if only appearances weren't so dastardly deceiving.

This act calls for rating agencies for games to fully play through the game prior to issuing a rating.

"The current video game ratings system needs improvement, because reviewers do not see the full content of games and don't even play the games they are supposed to rate," says the auspicious Senator. "For video game ratings to be meaningful and worthy of a parent's trust, the game ratings must be more objective and accurate."

A sound principle, in theory. Kind of like communism.



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Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas' proposition could lead to the federal control of video game rating.

Let us pause in our story for a moment, and take a look at some of the other characters, specifically, the affectionately named Entertainment Software Rating Board, or ESRB for short.

The ESRB hands out ratings based upon "videotaped footage of the game's most graphic and extreme content," sent to the ESRB by the game publisher. The ESRB also has the publisher fill out a questionnaire about the game's content. Three different raters within the ESRB then watch the footage and recommend a rating. If they all agree, the ESRB tells the publisher its decision, and the rating is given to the game. When the game is finally ready for sale, the publisher sends copies to the ESRB, which then randomly plays games to make sure that the footage provided earlier was accurate.

*see **ESRB**, page 16*

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Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. Sam's Town - The Killers
2. The Open Door - Evanescence
3. The Information - Beck
4. Continuum - John Mayer
5. Straight Outta Lynwood - "Weird Al" Yankovic

Top Songs

1. How to Save a Life - The Fray
2. Smack That - Akon
3. White & Nerdy (Parody of "Ridin" by Chamillionaire) - "Weird Al" Yankovic fea. Krayzie Bone
4. Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol
5. Lips of an Angel - Hinder

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Open Season
2. The Guardian
3. Jackass: Number Two
4. School for Scoundrels
5. Jet Li's Fearless
6. Gridiron Gang
7. The Illusionist
8. FlyBoys
9. The Black Dahlia
10. Little Miss Sunshine

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction

1. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
2. CAMEL CLUB by David
3. MORRIGAN'S CROSS by Nora Roberts Baldacci
4. 6 RAINIER DRIVE by Debbie Macomber
5. AT FIRST SIGHT by Nicholas Sparks

Paperback Non-Fiction

1. RUNNING WITH SCISSORS, by Augusten Burroughs
2. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
3. NIGHT, by Elie Wiesel
4. FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS by James Bradley
5. THE TIPPING POINT by Malcolm Gladwell

"Truth in Video Gaming Rating Act"

*from **ESRB**, page 15*

There may be penalties if it turns out, either through the random play-through or through consumer feedback, that the footage submitted by the publisher was not the most extreme content in the game. Also, note that the ESRB ratings system is voluntary. Most developers do submit, but it are not required to do so.

The ESRB can divvy out a rating that ranges from Early Childhood, up through Everyone, Teen, Mature and Adults Only.

There are only 23 AO titles available right now, one of which is the incredibly popular "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas."

A couple of important facts I'd like to point out right now, especially about that situation. "San Andreas" was originally given a Mature rating, the equivalent of an "R" rating from the MPAA. It was later bumped up to an AO rating thanks to the scandalous "Hot Coffee" mod.

Suffice it to say, Rockstar North left a few files in the programming of "San Andreas" that would allow the player to participate in an interactive sex game with one of the main character's possible girlfriends. All it took was a mode to unlock these files, and bingo: instant low-resolution, poor-textured sex game. The horror.

So, quite obviously, such content meant the game had to be given a higher rating.

I'd just like to point out, however, that a Mature rating means the game is suitable for anyone 17 years or older... whereas an AO rating means the game is suitable for anyone of 18 years or older.

That's right people. Now those darn horny teenagers have to wait one more year before they can play such a dirty game. Serves them right.

Well, the ESRB got quite a tongue lashing after that debacle, which they really didn't deserve. There's nothing they could do about content they had no idea existed, especially because it was supposed to be deactivated within the game. But, as those aforementioned lobbyists say, quite obviously the ESRB didn't do its job well enough.

To top it all off, an incident with "The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion" followed shortly afterward.

For the PC version, some users created a mode that allowed for the use of naked female character models. So now, players could enjoy simulated breasts with high-quality graphics.

Of course, there was no sex-game to go with it this time, but you take what you can get. The ESRB got yet another tongue-lashing after this, and they hastily scrambled and dished out a Mature rating to "Oblivion," lifting it up from the Teen rating it had previously had. They also cited the presence of more blood and gore than they had first expected, to help round out the reasoning for the new rating.

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The current ESRB rating system is under attack because of previous problems.

All of this paved the way for Brownback's new bill. Or, rather, old bill; apparently Representative Cliff Sterns of Florida tried to get a version of this bill passed through the House some time ago.

So now, Brownback is proposing not only that ratings systems be required to play through a game in its entirety before giving out a rating, but also that "the Government Accountability Office evaluate the efficiency of the ESRB system as well as the potential for establishing an independent rating body with no ties to the industry."

Bottom line? Brownback is trying to kill the ESRB.

It's not possible for the ESRB to truly play through some games in their entirety. "Oblivion," though it has a main story line, has nigh-unlimited content, with slews of side-quests and bonus quests and whatnot, not to mention that, based off of "Oblivion"'s scandal, they want the ESRB to predict user-made content, as well.

This isn't even going into MMOs, which truly have no perceivable ending. Even taking into account the games with concrete endings, will the ESRB have to explore every nook and cranny of these games to make absolutely sure there's nothing naughty, like maybe a curse word written clandestinely on a wall somewhere? After all, those game developers are evil. There's no telling what they might do.

So what this bill is essentially proposing is that the ESRB be given an impossible task, and then be evaluated upon their success with that impossible task. I will give this to Brownback, it's a genius piece of maneuvering, and it could easily pave the path for the creation of a federally controlled version of the ESRB, with mandatory ratings.

Yep. If this bill goes through, it won't be too long before the government will be deciding which games we can and cannot play based upon their content, because after all, the government knows what's best for us.

And once video games are under federal control, they'll be able to take over movies, and maybe even those dastardly evil books! Yippee!

Don't you feel safe? I feel safe.

I may just be overreacting because I'm a gaming freak, and I find that parents who are angry at their kids playing "San Andreas" and the like should step back for a second and say to themselves "Who the hell bought my kid the game in the first place? Oh, right, I did. "Maybe I shouldn't buy my twelve year old mature rated games anymore."

But, I felt the need to spread this information with all who will listen. We must unite in our disgruntled anger, my gaming brethren! We shall not let them take our games away from us! Viva la resistance!

Rather...viva la resistance, right after I finish this game.

Tim Miller to perform in Wellin

*from **Miller**, page 15*

Miller says of "Glory Box," "I want the piece to conjure for the audience a new glory box, a new kind of hope chest, that can be an alternative site for the placing of memories, hopes and dreams of gay people's extraordinary potential for love."

In addition to his acting career, Miller has written three books, "Shirts and Skin," "Body Blows," and "1001 Beds," as well as co-founding two important American theatres, Performance Space 122 in Manhattan and Highways Performance Space in Santa Monica, CA. He also has experience in the academic world, having taught for the theatre department at UCLA since 1990.

Miller's current tour will bring him to several colleges and universities all over the country.

If you attend his Wellin Hall performance on Saturday, be ready to experience a show that is both the story of how Miller's homosexual identity developed, as well as a retrospective look at the American musical with inspiration from plays such as "Man of La Mancha," "Oliver!" and "Don't Rain On My Parade," Miller says *Us* "ricochets between my love affair since childhood with Broadway musicals crosscut to an exploration of home, exile and the injustices lesbian and gay couples face in the good ole' USA."

According to *The San Francisco Chronicle*, "Us" is "...very funny, provocative, edgily joyful," and "seasoned with healthy amounts of political protest and satire."

Hailed as being "funny, fast and furious," *Us* takes the audience on a whirlwind journey that rethinks the American musical as inspiration for radical politics and queer identity.

It appears that "Us" has something for everyone. Whether you are interested in issues of civil rights (Miller sued the government successfully in 1990 when the elder George Bush's administration tried to revoke his arts fellowship because of the homosexual themes in Miller's work), the American musical, gay politics, the struggle of discovering one's identity, or if you just want a good laugh, "Us" is sure to be a good choice of entertainment.

Tickets are $15-$18 dollars for adults with discounts for students and seniors and can be obtained at the box office (859-4331).

On a more unfortunate note, the performance scheduled for October 14, Village Ki-Yi Troupe's performance of "Sogolon," has been cancelled because the group was unable to obtain visas to tour the United States. Ticket holders are asked to call the box office for a refund.

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Sophomore Seminar takes weekend field trip to many sites within the Adirondack Park

by Matthew Crowson '09
Science & Technology Editor

Whoever said that you do not go on cool field trips in college unquestionably failed to enroll in Sophomore Seminar 220, "Forever Wild: The Cultural and Natural Histories of the Adirondack Park."

On Saturday, September 23, the students of Sophomore Seminar 220 along with the Leonard C. Ferguson Professor of Biology Ernest Williams, Associate Professor of Geosciences David Bailey and Professor of French John O'Neal, boarded three college vans with their backpacks and canteens at the ready, for a weekend excursion to a few points of interest in New York State's Adirondack Park. The goal of the trip, and ultimately the seminar, is to investigate the Adirondack Park in a social, natural and cultural context in hopes to achieve a well-rounded appreciation of the area and its rich history.

The group spent Saturday morning near Lake Placid, New York, surveying different species of trees according to their relative elevations on and around Whiteface Mountain. The students were provided with identification cards outlining different species of trees native to the area in an attempt to assist their comparisons of the flora at low to mid level elevations. Before the morning was through, the group paused to take in the Au Sable River, which is widely known for its exceptional trout fishing.

There was no midday rest for these eager explorers, however, after a quick lunch the group drove to the famous farm of John Brown, a key figure in the abolitionist movement during the Civil War. Interestingly enough, Hamilton College has a unique connection to Brown's farm. Brown obtained the land for his homestead from Gerrit Smith, a fellow abolitionist and Hamilton alumnus from the class of 1818. Brown was a very active abolitionist; he participated in quite a few anti-slavery movements, but was most recognized for his raid on Harpers Ferry, a town in West Virginia. In this raid, which was considered one of the main accelerants for the start of the Civil War, Brown led a small militia in a failed attempt to capture an armory in the town with the primary goal to start a slave uprising in the South.

As the sun began to duck below the Adirondack Mountains, the group stopped at the Great Camp Wenonah for the night. Camp Wenonah is one of the many historical Adirondack summer retreats constructed in the gilded age for well-to-do Americans of the North East, and Hamilton alumnus Jim Schoff '68 currently owns this particular camp.

Upon stepping foot in the camp, Alex Hodgens '09 was overwhelmed by its lavishness. "Walking into Camp Wenonah was like being on an episode of MTV cribs. Only, instead of hummers on 20" rims, there were lots of animals mounted on the walls."

After everyone settled into their rooms, the group took part in an Adirondack Symposium, where two major players were brought in to discuss current issues affecting the park. One of the speakers was a representative from the timber industry with an interest in the park, which interests predominantly include paper production, and sustainable forest harvesting. The second speaker was Hilary Owes '98, who provided an environmental perspective about the issues behind invasive plants in the park and the repercussions they have on the native flora.

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After breakfast at Camp Wenonah, the group then traveled to Tupper Lake to check out the newly erected Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks, also called "The Wild Center." The mission behind the Wild Center is to discover ways to effectively coexist with the surrounding natural world, and the Wild Center hopes to broaden an appreciation of the natural world by showcasing a few of the interesting phenomena of the Adirondacks.

After a satisfying lunch in Long Lake at the home of one of the students in the seminar, the last site that the group visited on Sunday before calling it a weekend was a tour of one of the old Adirondack mines in operation during the 1800s. In their day, these mines in the park were iron-ore rich and proved invaluable in the production of iron in the 19th century.

The tour was led by William Kelly, the State Geologist of New York, and the mine he showed the group still had the blast furnace intact complete with a towering chimney. This particular site turned out to be Hodgen's favorite out of the whole trip. "It was amazing to see what the people who built the mine were able to accomplish using the technology they had, and being surrounded by nothing but wilderness."

The goal of the trip was to bring life to the content covered in class, according to Williams. "You can read about things, but they grab you when you sight them first hand." Hodgens whole-heartedly agreed with this sentiment, and thought it added a new level of depth to the material. "You got to feel like you were actually a part of the rich history of the park."

Needless to say, the group was successfully able to appreciate a diverse set of key sites directly related to what they were studying in class. "Overall, it was a fabulous trip. We did really wonderful things and they all enjoyed it," said Williams. There is often a cast of supporters, however, who lend a hand along the way to make these sorts of trips possible. For this weekend jaunt into the rich history of the Adirondacks, it was no different as Williams was quick to point out. "So many people did things that made it possible to do what we did ... people wanted to help the class ... there was a lot of cooperation and a lot of help."

Sophomore Seminar 220, "Forever Wild: The Cultural and Natural Histories of the Adirondack Park," is only open to sophomores and is offered in most fall and spring semesters, but it is not offered this coming spring.

Darwin Award of the week

"The Darwin Awards salute the improvement of the human genome by honoring those who accidentally kill themselves in really stupid ways."

The Elephant Tail

28 January 2005, Pendang, Thailand

It's no secret that elephants are big. Elephants eat hundreds of pounds of food a day just to maintain their weight. Indian elephants are nine feet tall at the shoulder. They're so powerful that in Southeast Asia, males are used to haul massive tree trunks with their three-foot tusks, work performed by heavy equipment in other countries.

It's also no secret that teasing an animal makes it mad. Teasing a animal that can carry a tree with its tusks may not be a good idea. Yet that was the very idea that formed in Prawat's head, when he saw a herd of five performing elephants chained to trees outside a Buddhist temple.

While the owner waited inside for an entertainment permit, Prawat, a 50-year-old rubber-tapper, offered sugar cane to one of the ever-hungry elephants... then pulled it away. Then he did it again. And again. And again.

The game was great fun for Prawat, but the elephant quickly tired of it. The last time Prawat withdrew the treat, the elephant swung his massive tusks and gored him through the stomach. Prawat died on the way to the hospital. The elephant got his treat.

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A comparison: the patch vs. the pill

by Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09
Science & Technology Writer

Birth-control has been raising awareness all around the country since its introduction. It has raised questions such as, is it safe? Does it work? What are the benefits? What are the disadvantages? Well, research has proven birth-control to be very effective. If used correctly, birth control methods such as the pill and the patch are over 99% effective, making these methods better and more risk free than condoms, spermicides, diaphragm caps and shields and sponges.

The topic that has been raised currently is patch or pill? This question is difficult to answer because both methods have the same function. They both contain estrogen and sometimes progestin, which together prevent ovulation (the release of eggs by the ovaries), thickens cervix mucus to prevent sperm from releasing eggs and also thins the lining of the uterus to prevent pregnancy by interfering with the implantation of a fertilized egg. But the patch has been known to be more effective because it releases estrogen directly into the blood stream, unlike the pill, which has to be digested and then disposed into the bloodstream.

Despite the effectiveness of the patch, there are several disadvantages to it. Pregnancy can occur if an error is made in using the patch: if it becomes loose or falls off in more that 24 hours or if the same patch is left on skin for more than one week it may not be completely effective. But the biggest disadvantage was investigated in a September 20, 2006 report from ABC News. ABC news reported that the FDA updated the label on Ortho Evra birth-control patches to reflect the results of a study that found that women using the patch face twice the risk of blood clots than women on the pill. Investigation by the Associated Press found that patch users die and suffer from blood clots at a rate three times higher than pill users. Other investigations found a dozen women in 2004 suffering from strokes and other clot linked problems that were traced to the use of the patch.

Even though a second study of the patch and the pill found no difference in the risk between the two forms of birth control, health officials have been advising women not to use the patch, especially those who smoke, because they are at a higher risk of stroke and heart attack. The FDA advises that women with concern about clots and the use of the patch speak with their doctors because the patch releases about 60 percent more estrogen to a woman's body than the pill. Even though there is a possibility that more estrogen is required to prevent pregnancy, the pill is a safer choice than the patch.

Next time you visit your doctor, please ask more questions about this topic. Together we can educate one another about birth control and help maintain better health. For more information, visit planparenthood.org.

For FDA questions and answers about Ortho Evra, visit http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/orthoevra/

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expressed through a variety of principles and projects regarding dining. Pat Raynard shared one example of the College's commitment to that goal.

"We decided to buy antibiotic-free chicken…a few years ago," he said. "Because of the amount we bought, the vendor decided to buy just that chicken, so now all his other clients get it too."

Raynard explained that, thanks to the College's large purchasing power, there is an effect on the market. Now, due to other groups like Bon Appetit, antibiotic-free chicken is the standard chicken found in supermarkets. "If we purchase things in volume, we can change the market," said Raynard.

Bon Appetit also provides milk from cows that haven't received Bovine Growth Hormone.

"Our position is that this is a complex and controversial issue. If any studies show it could be harmful, we avoid it," said Raynard. "They really don't know what effect it has on the person who drinks it or what effect it has on the cows."

Providing another example of purchasing power leading to greater change, Raynard shared that, partly due to Hamilton, Byrne Dairy will now be processing milk that is free of BGH exclusivley in one of its plants.

Besides chicken and milk, Bon Appetit applies its philosophy to its fish purchases. All of its seafood is purchased in accordance with Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch guidelines. These guidelines are designed to promote sustainable fishing and protect the oceans from over harvesting. They require restaurants to only buy fish that are "abundant, well managed and caught or famed in environmentally friendly ways."

Bon Appetit also attempts to limit the use of paper products.

"All the paper products at the Green Café [also known as McEwen] are biodegradable," declares Raynard, although he also said they would like to not use any paper products at all.

Raynard has other developments in mind for the future of the campus dining services, including an on-campus garden for herbs and a compost heap: "The cups you use in September would be degraded by the end of the year."

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Upcoming Science Seminars

Chemistry

October 20
Marisa Kozlowski, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania "Oxidative Asymmetric Naphthol Coupling: Applications in Natural Products Synthesis"

November 3
Dabney Dixon, Dept. of Chemistry, Gerogia State University

All Chemistry Seminars are held in SC1066, Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

Physics

October 16
Andrew Magyar '03, MIT
Controlling Peptide Adhesion to Inorganic Surfaces using High Voltage Electric Fields

All Physics Seminars are held in G041 at 4:00 p.m. They will be preceded by refreshments at about 3:45.

Have some science events you would like publicised ? Send them to mcrowson@hamilton.edu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
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8am	TBA	TBA	TBA	**The Mix** Goddard	**J&B and a little weed** Clark	TBA	TBA	8am
9am			**The Time Is Now** Bianco					9am
10am	TBA	TBA		**Pcow's Power Hour** Perkowski	**Fervently Eclectic** Richardson	**Gospel** Brockman *Gospel*	**For Real** Cryer/ Gibson	10am
11am			**EclecticALity** Ossola					11am
12pm		**Fantastic Three** Lawrence/ Morris/ Richterman	**Sheep Go To Heaven, Goats go to Hell** Freeland/ Pienkos	**The Dope Show** Bethoney/ Downey/ Fried	**The Morning Show** Chamberlin/ Petrey	**Playing Lefthanded in Toledo** Ufberg	**Dreidel will Rock** Zellner	12pm
1pm	**Nick D's Nuts** Domenico							1pm
2pm		**Aux Armes, Citoyens!** Lemaire/ Saddier *International*	**La Hora Latina** Kernan *International*	**Talkin' Jazz With Monk Rowe** Rowe *Jazz*	**The Den of Iniquity** Brewster/ Thomases	**Sonic Firestorm** Allen	**Southern Sounds & Underground** Huffaker/ Stevens	2pm
3pm			**Del Lado De Alla** Herrero-Puertas *International*	**Where's Jeff This Week?** Naeem				3pm
4pm	**Kuhn and Co.** Kuhn *Talk*	**Bebop-cola** Cook-Wilson	**Glad Tidings with the Excitable Boy** Ramsdell	**Let's Clap** Rand	**This Could Be Mediocrity** Brewster/ Winer	**Schizophrenia** Hall/ Hellerer/ Pavach/ Repp	**Off the Radar** Hahn	4pm
5pm	**Backslash** Eichenfield		**CAB People** O'Brien/ Barnes/ Morgan				**Underground Tissue of the Subway** Heilpern	5pm
6pm	**Hayden Seek** Bradley/ Hayden	**From Where I Sit** Britt-Hysell *International*	**Lysergic Bliss** Casey	**Now That's What I Call Music** Feuerstein/ Mead	**Jacked Up** Chuff/ Conway *Sports*	**The Mondo Hour** Helmuth/ Pope	**Ebony on Ivory** Jacobs/ Morriss	6pm
7pm	**What Now?** Silber *Talk*	**Magical Mind Coaster** Goughary/ Morse					**Jazz Moments** Balkan *Jazz*	7pm
8pm	**Anywhere But Here** Mead *World*	**Musical BBQ** Denton *Blues*	**Pure Guava** Preiss	**Ravinspace** James *Jam*	**Radiola!** Senior	**Retro Radio** Fuller		8pm
9pm							**Pre to Post Human** Sullivan	9pm
10pm	**Hard and the Heavy** Banishiki/ Parker *Metal*	**Liz & Ruthie Fun Time** Dibble/ Gilliams	**Tom Lives Here** Lewek	**The Rabbit Hole** Moroney/ Sullivan	**Acoustic Stew** Tuttle	**Gully Tactics** David	**Danger Zone** Everett	10pm
11pm			**Fear of a Root Planet** Root					11pm
12am	**Jurin Luck** Fitzgerald/ Jurin	**One West** D'Amico/ Sullivan	**Subterranean Sounds** Deyo/ Prescottano/ Schoeneck	**Awake in the Midnight Hour** Wright/ Miller *Jam*	**Doin' Time Radio** Clark/ Niden/ Wise	Off The Air	Off The Air	12am
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Football to host Trinity

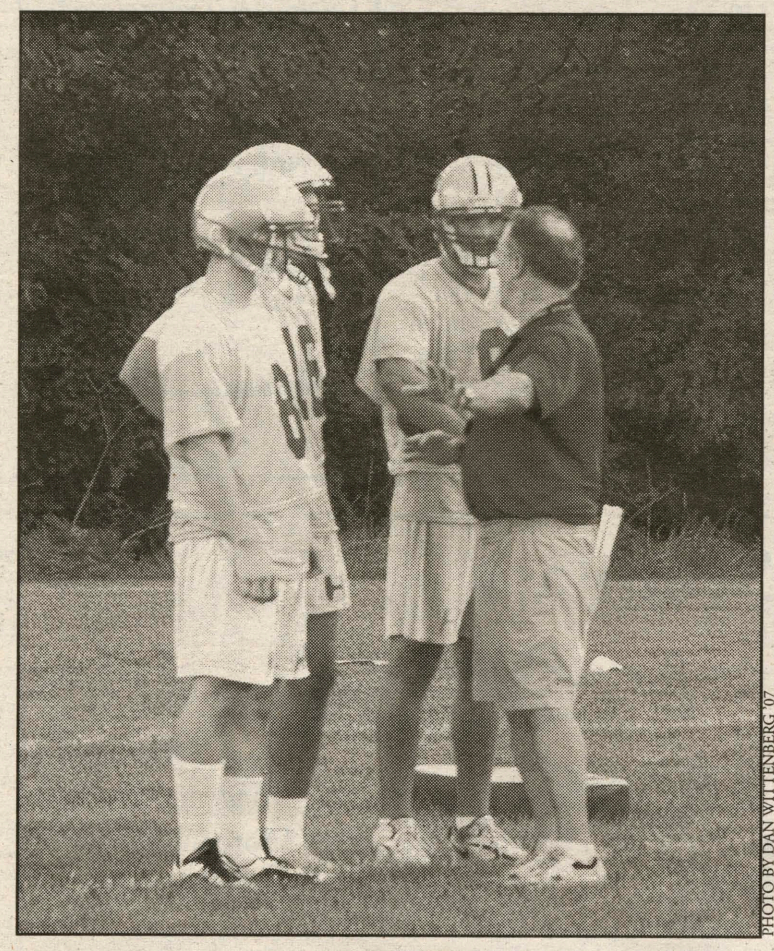

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Writer

The game that we have all been waiting for is finally here. Hamilton football opens at home this Saturday against Trinity College in what is sure to be a great battle of two teams trying to rebound from losses on the road to NESCAC opponents.

The players and coaches are psyched to go against one of the best teams in the country in Trinity, who had the nation's longest win streak end last weekend. Hamilton's football team is looking to redeem itself in the face of two close losses to start the season and what better way then to meet the NESCAC champion team for the past four years.

Heading into the game this week there are sure to be some inefficiencies that the team will look to correct so that it can produce a better product on the field. The offensive line and running back will need to do a better job at creating space to operate in the open field.

This will open up the passing game, which has been average up to this point in the season. It was evident from the game against Wesleyan that there were major improvements made from the coaching staff and players to limit the number of turnovers created through interceptions and fumbles. All that was lacking last week was the ability to get the ball into the end zone as Hamilton did a good job in getting into position to score.

However, during one stand on the one yard line, the team failed to get the ball into the end zone on four straight tries thereby giving away its ability to tie the score and possibly carry momentum into a win. This is where the running game needs to be effective and carry the load off of the passing game. Against Trinity, without a running game to balance out the attack it will be very hard to win as Trinity has shown that it is prone to give up big plays from time to time. It does look like there is room for improvement and based on the increasing desire to end the football losing streak, Hamilton looks like it should give Trinity all it can handle on offense.

Offensive Captain Frank Harrington '07 said this about what to expect from the team for the remainder of the season: "We have made great strides and we will be really successful when we are finally able to put the pieces together. We have good talented kids in the backfield and we will step up and get things going. I feel this is the best team we have assembled in my four years here. We have great upperclassman and I expect great things to come with a record to show for our efforts."

The strength of the season so far has been the defense as it has allowed an average of only twelve points per game. They have kept the team in the game as they have been relentless in their effort to prevent the opponent's offense from getting points. However, Trinity represents the hardest challenge so far as it boasts a tremendous offensive unit that has led the team to 31 straight victories.

Again, the main task will be to stop the running game as it goes up against one of the conference's most talented runners in Gennaro Leo '07. This game seems like it will be a defensive struggle as both teams have defenses that will look to rebound from last weekend's heartbreak losses.

Hamilton football is looking to win its first game of the season and with the exciting matchup against Trinity, there is no other place you should spend your Saturday afternoon than supporting your Continentals.

Classes offered in CWB Fitness Center:

Aerobics
Open to: Faculty and Staff
12-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Lap Swimming
Open to Faculty and Staff
12-1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Deep Water Aerobics
TBA
Open to Students, Faculty and Staff

Yoga (2 sections)
Open to Students, Faculty and Staff
6-7 p.m. Monday
7-8 a.m. Thursday

Pilates
Open to Students, Faculty and Staff
7-8 p.m. Monday

Spinning (3 Sections)
Open to Students, Faculty and Staff
5:15-6 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
7-8 p.m. Monday & Wednesday
7-8 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday

Core Training
Open to Students, Faculty and Staff
6pm-7pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

CardioKick
Open to Students, Faculty and Staff
6:45-7:45 a.m. Tuesday
5-6 p.m. Thursday

Toning
Open to Faculty and Staff
12-1 p.m. Thursday

Men's soccer rises to Liberty League challenges

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Writer

The Hamilton men's soccer team started the season strong and hasn't stopped producing big wins. Since mid-September the team has been on the road, dominating top competitors and cementing their status as a serious contender for conference tournament play.

What was predicted to be a tough game turned into a rout over non-league competitor SUNY Oswego. The sun was shining as Hamilton out-shot and outscored their opponent. The first quarter was scoreless on both sides, though Oswego racked up twice as many fouls. Topher Breedlove's penalty kick conversion was the first tally of the game. It was followed by some fast and furious scoring much later in the second half. Greg Rogan '07 was assisted by Ian Hildebrand '07, but Oswego answered at the 80 minute mark.

Minutes later, Hildebrand contributed a pair of unassisted goals in two minutes to erase any doubt about the Hamilton victory. Keeper Anthony Carello '09 had four saves.

Hamilton's on-the-road winning streak continued at their Liberty League opener against Rensselaer. Senior Bob Barrowman's back-to-back assists gave Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09 and Rogan the first two points of the game. RPI responded with a lightening-fast pair of goals to tie the game.

In the second half, hard work on both the defensive and offensive ends tipped the scales in Hamilton's favor. Carello allowed no further goals and finished with a season-high eight saves. The Continentals edged away from the Red Hawks as Rogan added his second goal of the match, and Hildebrand followed suit, assisted by Bryant Michels '08.

In contrast to these relatively high-scoring games, Hamilton just eked out a second half goal to triumph over Liberty League competitor Vassar. Carello put in another spectacular performance, shutting out the Brewers as he matched his season-high for saves. Hamilton again out-shot their opponent, though less than half of the shots taken made it on goal. It was Hildebrand who finally proved to be the key offensive force, putting in a breakaway shot late in the second half to seal the victory.

The day was sunny but windy when the Continentals returned home for the much-anticipated contest against NCAA Division III sixth-ranked Ithaca College. Barrowman assisted Rogan for Hamilton's first goal. The wind didn't deter the team as Akuamoah-Boateng twice assisted Hildebrand. Carello and Trevor Clarkson '09 combined for three saves in goal. The huge win for Hamilton was made sweeter by Hildebrand being named Liberty League co-Offensive Performer of the Week.

The next challenge was Hobart, another nationally ranked opponent. Hamilton's first Liberty League loss began promisingly. Almost mid-way through the first half, Rogan scored off senior John Porges' throw-in and moved into a tie for third-place in career goals at Hamilton. The 1-0 lead persisted until midway through the second half. Hobart drilled two goals in two minutes; Hamilton was unable to answer for the remainder of the game. Against such a tough opponent, Head Coach Perry Nizzi says that a larger home crowd "would have helped, but the entire campus was home for break."

The Hamilton men's soccer team has much to look forward to in the coming weeks. They have had almost a week to rest up, recover and prepare for their next Liberty League rival, Clarkson. Today's game is part of what Nizzi calls "the biggest weekend of the season." He added that these two home conference games "both have very important implications" for whether the team continues into the post-season. He is "looking forward to a crowd this weekend."

In light of the beautiful weather forecast, he urges the campus to "bring your sunglasses and sunscreen" and come out to support the Continentals against Clarkson at 4 p.m. today and St. Lawrence at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Athlete of the Week: Allie Massaro '07

Full name:
Allie Marie Massaro

High school/Hometown:
Lewiston-Porter Senior High School/Lewiston, NY

Birthday: 8/3/85

Concentration:
Biology. Minor in Studio Art

Location on Campus:
North 210, don't ask.

Relationship Status:
Currently dating Burke Library; it's getting pretty serious.

Sport & Position/Events:
Volleyball, Outside Hitter

Clubs/Groups/Activities:
Vice Chair of SAAC, AWIS

Greatest High School Sports Memory:
Winning the Section VI Class B Championship Senior Year and making the All-Western New-York Team.

Greatest College Sports Memory:
Kristina Carroll setting the ball off of her head to me in a match, and me losing the point because I was laughing too hard to hit the ball. I blame her for the loss.

Please describe yourself in 3 words:
Ambitious, competent and amusing.

Favorite Professor: Professor Gapp

Favorite Celebrity: Rachael McAdams

Favorite Movie(s):
"The Thomas Crown Affair," "Mean Girls" and "The Notebook."

Favorite Book(s):
I usually just read textbooks

Favorite Food: Chocolate.

Favorite Music:
Little bit of everything.

Favorite TV Show: "Grey's Anatomy"

On campus job: Volleyball

Best Hamilton Memory:
Freshman year running around campus in my bikini mid-December to attend a "beach" party and wiping out on the way to Ferguson, breaking my watch on the sidewalk. One witness still remains.

Best Party You've Attended at Hamilton:
Last year's Rookie Night for Volleyball

Last Movie You Saw in Theaters:
"Little Miss Sunshine"

Elliptical or Treadmill?
Treadmill

If you didn't play volleyball what would you do on campus?
Drink

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Beat the Experts

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Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

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NFL					
Tampa Bay @ New Orleans, 10/8	New Orleans	Tampa Bay	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
Washington @ NY Giants, 10/8	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
NY Jets @ Jacksonville, 10/8	Jacksonville	Jets	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jets
Dallas @ Philadelphia, 10/8	Philadelphia	Dallas	Philly	Dallas	Dallas
Pittsburgh @ San Diego, 10/8	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego
Baltimore @ Denver, 10/9	Denver	Denver	Baltimore	Baltimore	Denver
NCAA Football					
#9 LSU @ #5 Florida, 10/7	Florida	Florida	Florida	LSU	LSU
#7 Texas @ #14 Oklahoma, 10/7	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
#13 Tennessee @ #10 Georgia, 10/7	Tennessee	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Tennessee
#11 Oregon @ #16 California, 10/7	Cal	Oregon	Oregon	Cal	Cal
Penn St. @ Minnesota, 10/7	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.
MLB Playoffs					
NY Yankees @ Detroit, 10/7	Detroit	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees
Minnesota @ Oakland, 10/7	Oakland	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
NY Mets @ Dodgers, 10/7	Dodgers	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets
San Diego @ St. Louis, 10/7	St. Louis	St. Louis	San Diego	St. Louis	St. Louis
NY Yankees @ Detroit, 10/8	Yankees	Detroit	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees

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Impressive win streak ends for women's soccer

Team boasts record of 5-1-1 after loss to William Smith; looks forward to rematch in tourney

PHOTO BY JOHN HUBBARD

by Lindsay Jones '09
Sports Writer

Hamilton women's soccer was dealt its first loss of the season by Liberty League rival William Smith College on September 30, in Geneva, NY. This setback follows Hamilton's dominating performances against nearly all of the opponents they have faced so far this season.

The visiting Hamilton Continentals, now 5-1-1, fell 3-1 to the undefeated Herons, who improved their overall record to 6-3-0. This loss ended Hamilton's impressive three-game winning streak and six-game unbeaten streak.

Megan Brousseau '08 scored the lone Hamilton goal with 1:53 left in the game. Brousseau, who was scoreless throughout the 2005 season, notched her second goal for Hamilton in just four games.

Hamilton's offensive efforts were backed by goaltender, Caitlin McGilley '08, who had five saves in the contest. Before Saturday, McGilley had not been scored on in regulation since September 7, when she allowed one goal during Hamilton's decisive 10-1 victory over SUNY IT. Her 551 minute shut-out streak came to an end on Saturday, however, when William Smith netted their first goal during the first half of play.

Prior to Saturday's contest, Hamilton dominated offensively, outscoring their opponents 20-1 in their first six games of the season. Erica Dressler '09 leads all scorers with four goals this season, with eleven other players each making scoring contributions to Hamilton's lethal offense.

Hamilton started league play on September 22, with a convincing home victory over Rensselaer. Dressler scored what proved to be the game-winning goal 5:27 into the second half, with Brousseau notching her first career assist as a Continental. Hamilton's offensive play was noteworthy against Rensselaer, as they out-shot their opponents 17-4.

The women's soccer team continued its rampage of the Liberty League on September 23, against Vassar College. The lady Continentals blanked the visiting opponents 3-0, adding a sixth tally to their unbeaten streak. Kendra Wulczyn '10 started the scoring, notching her second goal of the season 3:59 into the first half. Sarah Felder '07 was credited with the assist.

Nicole Tetreault '08 re-emerged as a scoring threat for Hamilton, after returning from a knee injury that left her sidelined for the entire 2005 season. Though Wulczyn's goal early in the game was all that the Continentals would need against Vassar, Tetreault added two goals of her own for the home team. McGilley had another solid performance in net, having to make only one save in the entire game.

The women's soccer team entered last Saturday's contest against regionally-ranked William Smith College with momentum on their side; undefeated, with a six game unbeaten streak. Notably, Hamilton's defense, backed by McGilley, had strung together five consecutive shut-outs; a feat that had not been accomplished by the women's team since 1983.

Only one team would remain unbeaten after last Saturday's match-up between Hamilton and William Smith. Unfortunately, for the lady Continentals, the unbeaten streak would continue for one more game for the lady Herons.

Despite suffering a disappointing loss, the women's soccer team has to learn from their defeat against William Smith. "We must go into the next game more focused. We have to be ready to possess and distribute the ball well," Ali Grant '08 commented, when asked what her team must do to earn a pair of wins this coming weekend, as league play continues. The junior defender remarked that all of these things were lacking in their game against William Smith on Saturday. "We look forward to playing them again in the tournament at the end of the season," Grant added.

The women's soccer team will travel north on Friday, for a league match-up against Clarkson University, in Potsdam, NY. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. They will play in six more away games before returning to Love Field on October 28, to face SUNY Oneonta in the season closer.

Be sure to keep track of the lady Continentals as the season continues. If they continue to dominate the field as they have throughout the first half of the season, they will undoubtedly gain a berth to the 2006 conference tournament.

Field Hockey hosts rival Union

by Julie DiRoma '10
Sports Writer

The Hamilton women's field hockey team has been going through a rough time. The girls suffered five losses recently, after playing in three Conference games and two non-league games. However, the season is only at the halfway mark, leaving the team with seven more games to turn their record around.

On September 16, Hamilton faced SUNY Cortland and was defeated with a score of 6-0. Although Cortland scored six times, Hamilton goalie Courtney DeMaria '10 made an impressive seventeen saves. Cortland started strong early on in the game. Their first goal was scored in the fifth minute of play. They continued to play well throughout the game and scored three of their goals in the last 15 minutes. Hamilton's Natalie Schwerin '08 was the only Continental to get a shot on goal.

Hamilton took on Hartwick College on September 19 in their first home match of the season. Hartwick had seven shots on goal, but Hamilton was close behind with five. Hamilton's Jess Goldberg '08, assisted by Kerry Leonard '07, scored the first goal of the game. However, Hartwick was able to score twice after that, edging out Hamilton's one goal for a win of 2-1.

On September 22, the Continentals played their first Conference game against William Smith College. Within the first minute of play, William Smith had already scored once. William Smith went on to score five more times. Hamilton had a hard time catching up. Leonard scored the lone goal for the Continentals, leaving William Smith to win with a final score of 6-1.

The following day, the Continentals traveled to University of Rochester for their second Liberty League game. Marley Berns '08 and Leonard each got one shot on goal, but neither was able to score. Rochester was able to score once during each period to win the game 2-0.

The girls traveled to Canton, NY, to face St. Lawrence in their third back-to-back Conference game on September 30. Hamilton took the lead first. After almost nineteen minutes of play, Goldberg was assisted by Leonard and scored the first goal of the game. Leonard now has three assists and Goldberg has scored four of Hamilton's eight goals this season. St. Lawrence tied the game shortly into the second half, but Hamilton came back to retake the lead once again.

On assists from Berns and Sarah Wiener '08, Amy Barrows '08 helped Hamilton get closer to a win. But less than ten minutes later, St. Lawrence proved that they had not given up yet when they scored once more to tie the game at 2-2. The game was forced into overtime and, although DeMaria was able to make two saves, St. Lawrence was still the first to score. St. Lawrence defeated Hamilton, 3-2.

With seven regular season games left, the Continentals still have time to improve, even after the string of recent losses. Out of the remaining games, six will be played here at Hamilton, leaving everyone with plenty of opportunity to watch a game and lend their support to the team.

Today at 4 p.m. the girls will face Union College, another rival in the Liberty League. Hamilton will play Skidmore in another Conference game at home tomorrow at 2 p.m. Come to the Campus Road Athletic Field to cheer on the Continentals as they look forward to the second half of their season!

This week in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday (10/6):
Soccer (W) @ Clarkson
Soccer (M) vs. Clarkson
Field Hockey vs. Union
Volleyball @ SUNY Cortland

Saturday (10/7):
X-Country (M&W): HC Invite
Golf (M): Shenendoah Invite
Football vs. Trinity
Soccer (W) @ St. Lawrence
Soccer (M) vs. St. Lawrence
Field Hockey vs. Skidmore

Go Blue!